



CARS Date Announcement

What does it mean for CARS to become the System of Record?

As of March 21, 2015, the Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS) is the central accounting System of Record (SoR) for the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service. As the newly designated SoR, CARS will replace the legacy system, STAR, and will be the official source for the posting of financial transactions which impact all Federal Program Agency's (FPAs) Fund Balance with Treasury (FBWT).

How does this change benefit my agency?

There are several benefits to your agency as a result of CARS becoming the new SoR:

1. Account Statement improvements.
 - a. The Provisional view will no longer be available in the Account Statement. The detailed transaction data that was previously available in the Provisional view will now be available in the Accounting and Published views.
 - b. In the existing Provisional view, detailed transaction data is only available for the current calendar month. After the change is made, detailed transaction data will be retained beyond month-end and will remain available for query in subsequent months.
 - c. The detailed transaction data will now be available for view and download on the last day of the month and during the open window.
 - d. For full TAS/BETC reporters, reclassification at the detailed transaction level will be available during the open reporting window for the previous month. (For example, on May 1, 2015 detailed transaction level reclassification can be accomplished for April 2015 transactions viewed in the Account Statement.)
2. The new Statement of Difference (SOD) and Check Issue Audit (CIA) modules replace the GOALS II/IAS Statement of Difference system and the reports that were emailed directly to agencies.
 - a. SOD is a new module in the CARS that can be used by all users. SOD provides enhanced functionality by allowing FPAs to view their Agency Location Codes (ALCs) to identify balance differences between agency and source system reporting.
 - b. CIA is a new module in the CARS that can be used by Treasury and Non-Treasury Disbursing Offices. CIA provides enhanced functionality by allowing FPAs to view their ALCs to identify out of balance conditions between agency and source system reporting.
3. The Agency Standard Reports (ASR) module will now be available for use to pull reports at any time. These reports are updated daily. This module replaces the reports that were previously emailed to the various FPAs.

Is additional information or training available for CARS?

For any additional information regarding training on CARS, please contact the Treasury Support Center (TSC) at (877) 440-9476 or via email at gwa@stls.frb.org.

How do I request access to CARS?

For existing CARS users, you may be required to update your access based on the following conditions:

1. For existing Account Statement users – no further action is required.
2. For existing CTA users – no further action is required.
3. Regarding all other new reporting modules, your agency was previously contacted if you required access to the new ASR, SOD, and CIA modules within CARS.

Please note that access changes to your CARS profile will not automatically be granted. It will need to be requested.

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