



ASAP.GOV UPDATE

What's New in Release 22

ASAP.gov will place release 22 into production on March 26, 2016. In addition to remediating emerging security threats, this release includes the following fields to provide greater transparency in the areas of federal spending and “in-flight” payment activity.

Grant Indicator - This new field indicates if an account is a grant. If it is, agencies are required to provide a Federal Award Identification Number and a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number.

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) - This new field is created by the awarding agency in accordance with [Office of Management and Budget memo](#) for Agency Chief Financial Officers dated June 12, 2013. This memo requires agencies to assign each financial assistance award a FAIN. When an account is identified as a grant, ASAP.gov will require and report the FAIN, but will not validate it with external systems.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number – Data Entry in this existing field is required when an account is identified as a grant. ASAP.gov validates that the CFDA number is active.

These fields enable Federal Agencies to more fully comply with the [Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act \(FFATA\)](#) of 2006. ASAP.gov passes this data to the Payment Information Repository (PIR) to ensure reliability and data quality.

Available immediately to Federal Agencies that use ASAP.gov to create and maintain accounts, these fields are required for new accounts and data entry is optional for existing accounts. Is your Agency currently submitting batch files to create and maintain accounts? Release 22 required a change to our XML schema, so you will need to finish your development and testing prior to September 1st. Information packets were sent to batch-filing Agencies in January. In addition, an ASAP.gov Schema Recertification Scheduling Conference was held via WebEx on March 9th. During this meeting, Fiscal Service analysts coordinated agency testing preferences and confirmed contact information. Fiscal Service will continue coordinating with Federal Agencies to ensure schema recertification is successful.

Cash Management Forecasting

ASAP.gov was tasked with improving “in-flight” visibility of payment activity. The Treasury Account Management and Monitoring Information (TAMMI) is an important tool to decision makers and analysts responsible for management of the Treasury General Account (TGA). Release 22 includes automated and periodic payment updates to TAMMI that greatly improve visibility of account debits throughout the day.

Streamlining Batch Filing

There is an ASAP.gov project currently underway called Communication Transport Infrastructure (CTI). Its purpose is to streamline ASAP.gov's existing mechanism for transporting batch files. Connect Direct is responsible for sending batch files to and from ASAP.gov, so it will continue to be the data transmission platform as we refine the technology.

When processing requests, returning acknowledgements, and sending End of Day Reports, there are two connectivity nodes ASAP.gov's batch files pass through. The original connectivity node and supporting software was developed in 1996. The software is outdated and its original purpose is no longer required; thereby creating an unnecessary and redundant node in the file transport path. With CTI, batch files will be sent directly to ASAP.gov. This will increase the performance and the efficiency in which connectivity issues are diagnosed and resolved between Federal Agencies and ASAP.gov.

Federal Agencies will soon receive a schedule of events and detailed technical instructions. To ensure a seamless transition to CTI, ASAP.gov team will be providing each Federal Agency technical guidance and personal assistance.

Upcoming Training

[Payment Outreach | What's New June 28-29 | Denver, CO](#)

[Fiscal Service Advisory Council \(FSAC\) 2016 Payments Forum June 14-15 | Kansas City, MO](#)