INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTOMATED CAS COLLECTION SYSTEM (ACCS)

OVERVIEW: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Columbus, working with the Department of Treasury have implemented the Automated CAS Collection System (ACCS) on the Department of Treasury web site "www.pay.gov". The ACCS is one of many electronic collection applications which the Department of Treasury hosts for numerous federal agencies. The Department of Treasury serves as the "bank" for all federal agencies.)

PURPOSE: The ACCS enables contractors to submit Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments to DFAS Columbus for contract adjustments on contracts administered by Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) activities, such as for example DCMA Dayton, DCMA Atlanta, and DCMA Los Angeles. The administered by office information is usually listed on the cover page of the contract, in the "Admin By" block.

NOTE: For now, ACCS can only be used for payments on contracts that are paid by one of the MOCAS payment offices at DFAS Columbus:

- HQ0338, South Entitlement
- HQ0337, North Entitlement, or
- HQ0339, West Entitlement

This information can be found in the "Payment Will Be Made By:" block on the face page of your contract.

If a contractor is uncertain as to whether or not a contract is eligible to use this application, they can contact the DFAS Customer Support Office at 800-756-4571, Option 1 for MOCAS payments. Contractors who wish to utilize this optional service for payments involving MOCAS contracts, should visit the Department of Treasury web site, www.pay.gov, and follow the detailed user guide.

HELPFUL HINTS: Contractors must know their corporate bank routing number and account number to use this service. Contractors should also verify with their corporate bank if they will allow an Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit transaction, otherwise DFAS Columbus will not receive your payment. (If your bank only allows limited debiting please inform your bank the DFAS Columbus customer ID is 0000646902.)

At the close of the business day, the Department of Treasury withdraws the funds from the corporate account, as directed by your company, and deposits these funds into the Treasury General Account for DFAS Columbus. It usually takes 7 business days for DFAS Columbus to process a payment and post the collected funds to a MOCAS contract. Payments submitted after 8:55pm E.S.T., will not be processed until the following business day.

Three business days after a contractor submits a payment to DFAS via the ACCS the contractor should verify that DFAS has received the payment. The procedure to do this is as follows. If you have established a user logon and password on the pay.gov site, and previously submitted the payment using your login and password, you can find out three days after the payment submission date by signing on the pay.gov application and looking for the blue bar on the left side of the screen look for the forms heading, and clicking on the submitted tab. Detailed instructions can be found at http://www.dfas.mil/contractorpay/accs.html, then choose user guide and look for part 4, Check Payment Status pages 24-28.

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