



Dates to Remember

- **December 7, 2010:** OTCnet Focus Group
- **Early February 2011 :** OTCnet 'Go-live' Release 1, includes Deposit Processing and Online Check Capture
- **Starting February 2011:** OTCnet Pilot (a small number of agencies will participate as early adopters)
- **March 2011:** TGAnet Conversion to OTCnet (all TGAnet users, agencies and financial institutions, will be converted at one time)
- **April 2011 through 2012:** PCC OTC conversion to OTCnet
- **Summer 2011:** Offline Check Capture will be available to agencies



We're On the Move

What an exciting time it has been for the Over the Counter Revenue Collection Division (OTCD)! Through ongoing efforts, new initiatives, and steadfast resolve, the transformation of the government's OTC business line continues to successfully move forward.

For example, Federal Finance's Collections and Cash Management Modernization (CCMM) Initiative has pushed us to think about how we more effectively support our customers, mitigate risks, and improve the efficiency of the Treasury's collection and cash management capabilities. Aligned with the CCMM goals, the OTCD remains committed to providing agencies an enhanced business model characterized by streamlined processes to deliver efficient and effective service to Federal Program Agencies. We are energized as we move toward a structure that strengthens our core services – simple deposit processing and electronic collections.

We have been working diligently to get the new system, the Over the Counter Channel Application (OTCnet), ready for you, our valued customers. As we roll-out OTCnet, our goal is to minimize the impact to agencies as we migrate from TGAnet and PCC OTC to OTCnet. We will do this by ensuring you have timely information that allows you to prepare to make the transition. The OTCD group is committed to a successful implementation and is leaving "no stone unturned" as we think through the design, development and roll-out of the new system.

Lastly, I am pleased to announce the new OTCD Acting Director, Dave Metler. Dave brings over 20 years of experience at the Financial Management Service (FMS) to his role. We are looking forward to him bringing the same quality of leadership and service to his new position that he has demonstrated throughout his career at FMS. Dave and I have been working closely to ensure a seamless transition. With Dave's experience with the GWA modernization project, he brings the knowledge and expertise to lead OTCD with continued success.

OTCnet at a Glance

As FMS leads the conversion to OTCnet, what do you say to people who ask, "What is OTCnet?" OTCnet will enable federal agencies to integrate check conversion and deposit reporting activities, so that all check and cash deposits are handled by one web-based application. OTCnet will provide for electronic communication between TGA banks and agencies and permit the processing of domestic and foreign cash and foreign check deposits. OTCnet includes point of sale revenue collection services, check conversion, check truncation, automated deposit activity, and financial transaction reporting services.

Specific benefits of OTCnet include:

Easy to Use

Simple. A more user friendly, easy to navigate system with intuitive features and a common look-and-feel.

Convenient. One system to use for deposit processing.

Accessible. Access information and reports anytime, anywhere.

One System

Efficient. Use of Single Sign On — One secure username and password combination to access OTCnet financial services, and other FMS systems.

Flexible. A new web-based application that can be accessed online and offline (Check Capture activities only).

More Control. Security Administrators from each agency will manage their users centrally.

Free Training and Fully Compliant

No-cost Online Training. Integrated Web-based-Training (WBT) can be easily accessed with no charges or training fees for agencies or financial institutions.

GWA Compliant. Accommodates deposit reporting and check capture "the GWA way" (check capture will be in a future release).

Secure. Compliant with FISMA, 508 regulations, and HSPD-12 and PIV standards.

As we move closer to February 2011, we will begin to release additional information on conversion activities, and other pertinent information. Please continue to visit the [OTCnet Website](http://fms.treas.gov/otcnet) at <http://fms.treas.gov/otcnet> for updates and be on the look-out for additional communication and outreach as we prepare for the conversion to OTCnet.



OTCnet
Deposits Made Simple

OTCnet Connect

New on the OTCnet Website

- OTCnet System Requirements
- OTCnet Hardware Ordering Overview
- OTCnet Development Schedule (PDF)
- OTCnet Brochure (PDF)
- Web-Based Training (WBT) for Deposit Processing Overview
- Letter from the Director

OTCnet Conversion 101:

Having worked closely to onboard so many agencies and financial institutions over the years, the Deployment Team understands how important TGAnet & PCC OTC are to helping you get your job done. Therefore, we recognize the need to ensure that your conversion to OTCnet goes smoothly and causes minimal disruption. Regardless of which system you are converting from, TGAnet, PCC OTC, or both TGAnet and PCC OTC, the Deployment Team is committed to providing the right information at the right time, along with the tools and support you've been accustomed to receiving.

The Deployment Team will guide agencies and financial institutions through conversion using an approach that minimizes impact and allows for a smooth transition. We understand that change brings unique challenges, so we want to ease this transition as much as possible. The

Deployment Team has created conversion plans, procedures, supplemental documents, job aides, and user guides to assist agencies and financial institutions with understanding OTCnet and help guide the transition.

At FMS, we want our agencies and financial institutions to know that our door is always open and we are here to answer any questions you may have throughout the process.

Here are some questions that may be on your mind regarding conversion....

What do TGAnet users need to know about conversion?

For TGAnet users, agencies along with supporting TGA / ITGA bank will convert to OTCnet in a **one-time** conversion in mid March 2011. Prior to conversion, all agencies and financial institutions will be responsible for completing the OTCnet Web based Training (WBT).

Agencies are also reminded that FMS applications are moving from the User Provisioning System (UPS) to IBM Tivoli Identity Manager (ITIM) as the standard for user provisioning. Please make sure that your agency has both an active Primary Local

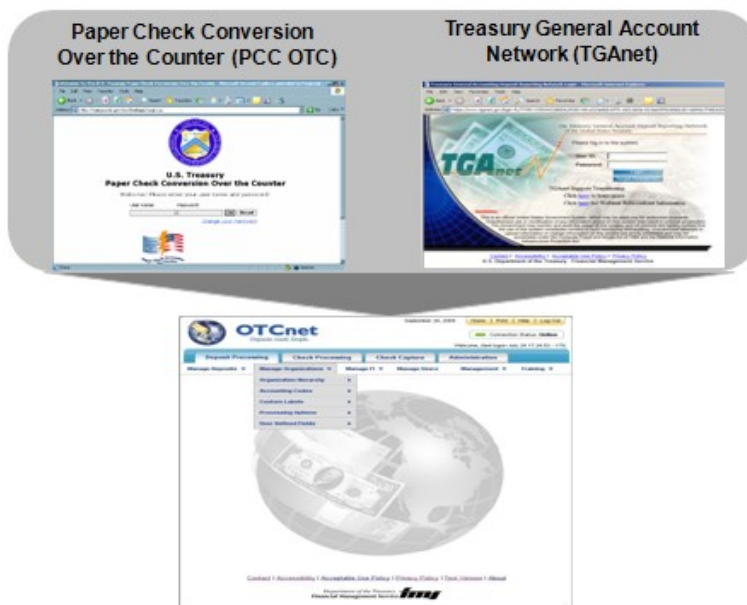
Security Administrator (PLSA) and at least one active Local Security Administrator (LSA) at the highest level of your hierarchy.

Having the two security administrators (PLSA & LSA) ensures that your organization has a primary and back-up security administrator

and is, therefore, compliant with the new ITIM requirements. Once converted to OTCnet, users can log in to submit deposits and view historical data.

What do PCC OTC users need to know about conversion?

If you are a PCC OTC user, FMS will work with your agency to identify a timeline that best suits a timely and efficient conversion to OTCnet. A Deployment Specialist will reach out to you to discuss when your conversion has been scheduled and to ensure you are prepared by the date on which you begin using OTCnet. Conversions from PCC OTC to OTCnet will start in April 2011 and continue through 2012. Prior to the scheduled conversion, agencies will be asked to complete a Conversion Agency Site Profile (ASP).



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FMS is dedicated to providing agencies with a smooth transition to OTCnet. Please reach out to us with any questions, look for future issues of OTCnet Connect, and visit our website at <http://fms.treas.gov/otcnet> to ensure you receive up-to-date information on OTCnet development, upcoming events, training, and conversion activities.