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SUBJECT: New Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) Internet Data Entry System (IDES)

The Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) is the federal entity that collects single audit forms and reporting packages, and maintains the database of the completed single audits. The SF-SAC Data Collection Form (DCF) is the federal form that summarizes the results of single audits auditors perform under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133. The FAC planned to launch a new Internet Data Entry System (IDES) on Monday, October 7, 2013. However, due to the lapse in government funding and the federal government shutdown, the FAC postponed its launch date to November 13, 2013 or earlier.

The new IDES will change how the Federal Audit Clearinghouse processes DCF submissions. Once the new system is active, FAC will deactivate the current (old) IDES, as the new system will have the same web address as the old system. The significant changes include:

- New log-in page;
- New personal log-in accounts and passwords, that eliminate the need for report ID/password combinations;
- Certification changes that eliminate the need for signature codes;
- Downloadable Excel templates that enable improved upload of large amounts of information.

This new system will work in conjunction with the new 2013 DCF, which FAC will release later this year. Auditor of State Bulletin 2013-006 describes the significant changes to the *proposed* DCF. Since there is a required 30-day comment period before the final federal register can become effective, we do not expect the OMB and FAC to finalize and release the 2013 DCF until late November, at the earliest.

The FAC will make instructions for the new IDES available on their website when they launch the new system.

Each individual will have their own unique log-in and can access multiple reports. Fiscal year 2008 to fiscal year 2012 information entered in the current (old) IDES will only be accessible in the new IDES to individuals whose e-mail addresses were listed on the DCF in the current (old) system.

Auditees and their independent public accounting firms will need to revise their procedures for DCF entry and certification prior to the launch of the new IDES. This includes setting up individual user accounts and passwords as soon as possible so that auditees and their auditors can perform their corresponding certification steps.

As always, it is imperative that the information reported on the DCF reflects actual, final audit results, as Federal agencies rely heavily on the DCF.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this Bulletin, please contact the Center for Audit Excellence staff or email FACCR@ohioauditor.gov.

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