

operational modifications impose on Fedwire participants?

7. If the Fedwire 6:00 p.m. deadline for third-party customer transfers is extended on a particular day, should a thirty-minute settlement period be maintained at the end of the day, with the last fifteen minutes of the settlement period reserved for settlement transfers between banks for their own accounts?

8. If a segmented settlement period is approved, what is the appropriate timeframe for its implementation, given banks' ongoing year 2000 readiness efforts?

9. Are there any other alternatives that could be implemented to address this issue? For example, instead of Fedwire changes, could the originating bank and/or receiving bank implement internal controls, customer agreements, or other changes (e.g., industry agreements regarding a deadline for respondent transfers) to restrict respondent transfers toward the end of the Fedwire operating day?

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, June 5, 1998.

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*Secretary of the Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Office of the Chief Information Officer; Public Notice of Waiver of Federal Information Processing Standards

**SUMMARY:** Under the waiver authority granted by the Secretary of Commerce, The General Services Administration must make public all actions taken on waivers of Federal Information Processing Standards. The Administrator of the General Services Administration has granted the Agency a waiver to acquire and use any commercial-off-the-shelf product(s) which meet the Agency's requirement for information technology security. This notice serves to make this information public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on this notice, contact L. Diane Savoy, Acting Assistant Chief Information Officer, General Services Administration, Room 3024, 18th & F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405; telephone (202) 219-3062.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The General Services Administration (GSA) requires secure electronic communication with private sector vendors to perform its day-to-day functions. The limited availability of

products employing FIPS compliant security techniques produced many incompatibilities with the vendor community. To eliminate or reduce this problem, the GSA Chief Information Officer requested and was granted Agency-wide authority to use commercial-off-the-shelf products that employ techniques for assuring identity, authenticity, integrity, or confidentiality in addition to those employing techniques specified in the FIPS. The waiver granted by the GSA Administrator became effective on September 29, 1997 and remains in effect until July 31, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Management and Budget Office, Office of Information and Resources Management; Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority

Part A, of the Office of the Secretary, Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegation of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services is being amended at, Chapter AM, HHS Management and Budget Office, Chapter AMM, Office of Information Resources Management (OIRM), as last amended at 61 FR 37902 July 22, 1996. The changes are to reflect a realignment of functions within the Office of Information and Resources Management. The changes are as follows:

Delete in its entirety Chapter AMM, Office of Information and Resources Management and replace with the following.

#### Chapter AMM, Office of Information and Resources Management

*AMM.00 Mission.* The Office of Information Resources Management (OIRM) advises the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget (ASMB)/Chief Information Officer (CIO) on information and information technologies to accomplish Departmental goals and program objectives; exercises delegated authorities and any other applicable rules; promotes improved management of Departmental information resources and technology; provides efficient and effective information and information

technology service to clients and employees; and provides assistance and guidance for technology-supported business process reengineering, investment analysis, performance measurement, assurance of the information and system integrity, and strategic development and application of information systems, infrastructure, and policies to the Department and its components.

The Office is responsible for the overall quality of information resources and technology management throughout the Department; represents the Department to central management agencies (e.g., the Office of Management and Budget); supports the development of a robust information infrastructure (including a departmental information technology architecture and information technology-based services for the Office of the Secretary); and advocates rigorous methods for analyzing, selecting, developing, operating, and maintaining information systems.

The Office collaborates with the Operating and Staff Divisions of the Department to resolve policy and management issues, manages risks associated with major information systems, evaluates and approves major investments in information technology based on return on investment, and measures and evaluates system performance.

The Office exercises authorities delegated by the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, as the CIO for the Department. These authorities derive from the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Computer Matching and Privacy Act of 1988, the Computer Security Act of 1987, the National Archives and Records Administration Act of 1984, the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, the Federal Records Act of 1950, OMB Circular A-130: Management of Federal Information Resources, and Government Printing and Binding Regulations issued by the Joint Committee on Printing.

*Section AMM.10 Organization.* The Office of Information Resources Management (OIRM), under the supervision of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Resources Management/Deputy CIO, who reports to the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget/CIO, consists of the following component.

- Immediate Office (AMMA)
- Office of Information Technology Policy (AMMJ)
- Office of Information Technology Services (AMML)