COD Processing Update
May 6, 2011

NEWS/UPDATES

- **2010-2011 ACG Deobligation Due to No Corresponding Pell Grant (05/05/11)**
  On May 4, 2011, Federal Student Aid deobligated 2010-2011 Award Year Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) disbursements for students who did not have a 2010-2011 Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant) actual disbursement recorded in the COD System. As noted in the warning message that Federal Student Aid sent to affected schools on April 26, 2011, these ACG disbursements were considered overawards and reduced to a zero dollar amount ($0.00), even though the disbursements were previously accepted in the COD System. This deobligation affected ACG disbursements at approximately 379 schools.

  A school affected by the deobligation will receive or see the following information:

  - Receive an AGTX file (AGTX11OP message class) in the school's Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG) mailbox indicating the number of students and total amount of the decrease

  - Receive a system-generated negative disbursement file (CRND11OP message class/ND document type) in the school's SAIG mailbox

  - Receive a new Electronic Statement of Account (AGAS11OP message class) in the school's SAIG mailbox that reflects the decrease, unless there are other offsetting increase adjustments

  - See a change in the school's Current Funding Level (CFL) that reflects the reduced disbursements

  Notes:

  - If all of the ACG recipients at a school had a corresponding 2010-2011 Pell Grant actual disbursement on May 4, 2011, the school was not affected by the May 4th deobligation process.

  - Some ACG recipients do not have a corresponding 2010-2011 Pell Grant actual disbursement due to the documented full repayment of the Pell Grant as a result of a Return of Title IV Funds (R2T4) calculation. If a school informed the COD School Relations Center of the student records to which this exception applies, these student records were excluded from the May 4th deobligation process.

  If you have any questions about the 2010-2011 ACG deobligation of disbursements due to no corresponding 2010-2011 Pell Grant actual disbursement, contact the COD School Relations Center.

- **Public Hearing Schedules for Preparing Proposed Regulation (05/02/11)**
  The Department will be publishing a notice in the Federal Register announcing its intent to establish one or more negotiated rulemaking committees to prepare proposed regulations under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). This notice will announce three public hearings at which interested parties may suggest issues that should be considered for action by the negotiating committees as well as policy roundtable discussions.

  For complete information, refer to the April 29, 2011 Electronic Announcement posted on the IFAP Web site.

Contact Information: If you have questions, contact the COD School Relations Center at 800/474-7268 for Grants or 800/848-0978 for Direct Loans. You may also e-mail CODSupport@acs-inc.com.

CURRENT ISSUES

DIRECT LOANS
There are no Direct Loan specific issues to report at this time.

GRANTS

There are no Grant specific issues to report at this time.

REMINDERS

OUTAGE ALERT--SAIG Mailbox Service Outage Scheduled for May 8, 2011 (05/06/11)
On Sunday, May 8, 2011, Federal Student Aid needs to execute an extended maintenance activity that will impact the Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG) mailbox servers. Please review the information in this announcement and evaluate the impact on your school or organization during the period when the affected SAIG functions will be unavailable.

Note: Routine Web site maintenance that occurs each weekend will also be completed as scheduled and announced through other communications methods.

SAIG Mailbox Functions Unavailable from 12:00 A.M. (ET) until 12:00 P.M. (ET) Sunday, May 8, 2011

From 12:00 A.M. (ET) until12:00 P.M. (ET) on Sunday, May 8, 2011, the SAIG mailbox functions will be unavailable in order to implement system updates. During this time, schools will receive an error message informing them that the SAIG is unavailable.

Federal Student Aid appreciates your patience and understanding as we complete the required activity during the upcoming period.

COD Computer-Based Training (05/06/11)
Federal Student Aid takes this opportunity to remind the community of the availability of the COD Computer-Based Training (CBT). The COD CBT includes enhancements that have been made to the COD

System, the [COD Web site](#), and associated Web sites and software products through June 26, 2010.

The COD CBT consists of component simulations and CBTs. Each COD CBT component is explained below. The electronic files associated with each component, as well as information about downloading and navigating the COD CBT, are available on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Web site. Under the "Tools for Schools" section on the home page, click on [COD Computer-Based Training](#).

If you have questions or comments about the COD CBT, contact the COD School Relations Center at 800/474-7268 for Grants or 800/848-0978 for Direct Loans. You may also e-mail CODSupport@acs-inc.com. If you e-mail your question or comment, please include "COD CBT Question/Comment" in the subject line.

Sending Addresses for U.S. Territories and Foreign Countries on the Common Record or the COD Web site (05/06/11)
When submitting student or borrower addresses or address changes to the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System, it is important that the correct tags are used, particularly when the student or borrower address is located in a U.S. Territory or Foreign Country. If these addresses are not submitted correctly, important correspondence from the COD System and the federal loan servicers is delayed or not received.

- When a student or borrower address is located in a U.S. Territory it is considered a domestic address. Do not submit a Country Code.
- When a student or borrower address is located in a Foreign Country, it is treated as a foreign address.

See below for the correct procedures for submitting U.S. Territories and Foreign Country addresses via the Common Record batch submission or COD Web site.

Submitting Addresses for U.S. Territories and Foreign Countries via the Common Record

When creating or updating a person record via the Common Record batch submission, a school should send the address block with the following tags:

Schema Version	*Included* Tags for Domestic Address, including U.S. Territories	*Excluded* Tags for Domestic Address, including U.S. Territories	Included Tags for Foreign Addresses
3.0c or 3.0d	<AddressLine> <City> <StateProvinceCode> <PostalCode>	<StateProvince> <CountryCode>	<AddressLine> <City> <StateProvince> (Optional) <PostalCode> (Optional) <CountryCode>

Submitting Addresses for U.S. Territories and Foreign Countries via the COD Web site

When creating or updating a person record on the COD Web site, a school should select the U.S. Territory from the dropdown box in the State/Province field. A school should select the Country field as "Blank".

A complete list of State Codes (including U.S. Territories), Jurisdictions, and Country Codes are provided in Volume VI, Section 4 of the 2010-2011 COD Technical Reference. If you have questions about this information, contact the COD School Relations Center.