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Subject: COAST GUARD MIGRATING TO THE DHS FINANCIAL SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION SOLUTION (FSMS)

Dear Vendor,

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is transitioning to a new finance and accounting system called the DHS Financial Systems Modernization Solution in the fall of 2021. This transition will affect our ability between September 10, 2021 and November 15, 2021 to process payments <u>owed</u> by the U.S. Coast Guard for goods and services received. To ensure timely payment of invoices for goods delivered or services rendered prior to the beginning of transition period, vendors are encouraged to submit proper invoices in accordance with their agreement prior to the September 10, 2021 cutoff date.

For goods delivered and services rendered after September 10, 2021, vendors should continue to submit invoices in accordance with their agreement and normal billing cycles. However, vendors should not expect payment until after the new system becomes available on November 15, 2021. Once the system becomes available, invoices will be processed as soon as possible in accordance with the binding agreement between the parties.

Please note, this letter **DOES NOT** provide permission for advance payment of any goods delivered or services rendered after September 10, 2021.

For clarification, this impact is only on invoices for payment owed by the U.S. Coast Guard. It is not pertinent to invoices submitted for good and services delivered to the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (CWMD) or the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

We apologize for this inconvenience and thank you for your patience as we work to modernize our systems. For additional information, please contact a Finance Center customer service representative at (757) 523-6940.

Sincerely,

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