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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Standard Nomenclature for Budget Line Items (BLIs) in Budget and Execution Systems – Soft Implementation

The purpose of this memorandum is to reiterate the previously established policy for the Components to use standard nomenclature for the Line of Accounting (LOA) (including the Budget Activity (BA), Budget Sub-Activity (BSA), and Budget Line Items (BLIs)), to improve the linkage of the budget, funds control systems, and the accounting and reporting systems within the Department of Defense (DoD). The use of standard nomenclature will improve overall budgeting, funds control and execution reporting in Departmental systems through data standard enforcement.

The DoD Financial Management Regulation (FMR) Volume 1, Chapter 4 “Standard Financial Information Structure” (SFIS) establishes DoD's financial management data structure including LOA, BA/BSA/BLI to be used in DoD systems and interfaces. The execution of funds, at the BLI level, is described in the Accounting Report (Monthly) (AR(M))1002 Appropriation Status report as defined in DoD FMR, Volume 6A, Chapter 4 and with the exception of military personnel, must match the defined nomenclature through the BLI – as reflected in the SFIS Values Library, Budget to Appropriation (B2A) system, and Enterprise Funds Distribution (EFD) system. Military personnel will match the SFIS Values Library, B2A system, and EFD system through the BSA level. The B2A and EFD systems will continue to support Congressional Scoring, Appropriation Tracking, Reprogramming actions and Funds Distribution, but must remain in sync with the SFIS Values Library and continue fulfilling the intended purposes of providing visibility of funds distributed throughout the DoD and streamlining the DoD's funds distribution process. The Military Construction (MILCON) accounts are the only exceptions to the above verbiage. All MILCON accounts must reflect the congressionally prescribed DD1391/DD1391C line item code and nomenclature. DFAS will work with the respective Comptroller offices to ensure consistency and compliance, for all DDRS-B submissions.

The SFIS Values Library represents the Department's interpretation of congressional action on the Defense and Military Construction Appropriations bills. Within this structure, standard nomenclature is also important, defining for example the standard value and title for an individual line item. DoD's standard nomenclature is established in the Department's President's Budget request, which is developed during the budget formulation process, using the respective Comptroller managed budget formulation systems. The nomenclature is initially defined in the annual budget materials, referred to as Dash 1s (<https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/>). As a cornerstone of this new way-forward, the SFIS Values Library will be the

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source for all valid BLIs and nomenclature and can be found at: <https://beis-web.csd.disa.mil/sfis-library/index.jsp>, for all account types.

In our efforts to maintain standard BLI structure and nomenclature throughout the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) process, new start BLIs or updated nomenclature resulting from Congressional Action must be approved and added to the Comptroller managed budget formulation systems, B2A and EFD, which will be automatically loaded into the SFIS Values Library. Also, special interest attributes for New Start and JUONs must be marked within B2A reprogramming actions to properly validate and map BLIs between the B2A, EFD and the SFIS Values Library. Following each President's Budget submission, Comptroller will coordinate with DFAS to ensure timely updates to the SFIS Values Library and that Fact-of-Life' type additions are installed throughout the year of execution via daily feeds from B2A and EFD.

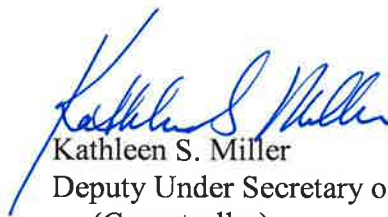
This approach may require Components to make adjustments to their existing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and funds controls systems. This 'Soft Implementation' will be used to identify where/if exceptions are necessary. Thoroughly vetted waiver requests will be accepted for possible approval, prior to full implementations.

To gradually eliminate the nomenclature variances between the DFAS DDRS-B reporting and the authoritative SFIS values, the above mention reconciliations and processes will be implemented. Comptroller and DFAS will identify non-compliant data to system owners, as part of the monthly submission, through the end of FY 2022. Upon full implementation of this initiative, all invalid LOA (BA/BSA/BLI) combinations will be rejected by the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) Defense Departmental Reporting System – Budgetary (DDRS-B), unless an approved waiver has been activated.

Comptroller Implementation Timeline:

April 25, 2022	Soft Implementation Effective (monthly disconnects provided to all Components, by the 25 th of each month (for prior month's data), using the ADVANA tool)
September 30, 2022	All Waivers Requests Must Be Submitted
TBD	Full Implementation

We must maintain a consistent, accurate picture of our resources at all times and our goal is to ensure these BLIs match across all databases and reports, each month. A future update of the DoD Financial Management Regulation Volume 6A, Chapter 4 will more granularly incorporate this policy and guidance, based on the results of the above mentioned 'Soft Implementation'. Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to Nichole Hyter, (703) 692-4106, nichole.hyter.civ@mail.mil.


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