

CHANGE REQUEST COVER SHEET

Change Request Number: 12-04

Date Received: 9/22/2011

Title: Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Waiver Requirements

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Policy OR Guidance: Guidance

Section/Text Location Affected: T3.3.1A.3 plus revision to EFT Waiver Request Form

Summary of Change: Change to waiver of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) waiver requirements

Reason for Change: Consistency with final rule reflected in US Code

Development, Review, and/or Concurrence: Accounting; Acquisition Policy Division; Procurement Legal; and Contracting Organizations at HQ, Regions, and Centers.

Target Audience: Program Offices and Acquisition Workforce

Potential Links within FAST for the Change: None

Briefing Planned: No

ASAG Responsibilities: None

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Links for New/Modified Forms (or) Documents (LINK 1) [null](#)

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