Fedwire® Securities Service

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Wired to deliver.

The Fedwire® Securities Service provides cost-effective safekeeping, transfer and delivery-versus-payment settlement services with flexible account structures and automated claim adjustment processing features. The service also allows your institution to transfer and maintain securities in a secure and reliable electronic environment. Critical services such as issuance, transfer and settlement are provided.

In their capacity as fiscal agents for the U.S. Treasury, federal agencies, government-sponsored enterprises and certain international organizations, the Federal Reserve Banks facilitate the issuance of book-entry securities to the Fedwire Securities Service participants. Participants may maintain multiple securities accounts and can use the Fedwire Securities Service to transfer securities to settle secondary-market trades, to facilitate the pledging of collateral used to secure obligations and to facilitate repurchase agreement (repo) transactions.

Key Features

Speed and Certainty

The Fedwire Securities Service processes securities transfers on an individual basis in real time and the transfer of securities and related funds – if any – is final and irrevocable. (See Operating Circular 7 for specific terms and conditions.) Although participants can send securities free of payment, most securities transfers involve the delivery of securities and the simultaneous exchange of payment for these securities, a process known as delivery versus payment (DVP).

Subject to certain conditions, the Federal Reserve Banks may extend intraday credit to Fedwire Securities Service participants lacking sufficient balances to cover payments for securities transferred to their securities accounts. To limit their resulting credit risk exposure, the Federal Reserve Banks follow a comprehensive daylight overdraft policy that establishes debit caps, monitoring and daylight overdraft pricing and permits the Federal Reserve Banks to take certain actions, including requiring collateral and monitoring account positions in real time. Detailed information on the Federal Reserve's daylight overdraft policies can be found in the Guide to the Federal Reserve's Payment System Risk Policy, available online at www.federalreserve.gov.

Security and Reliability

The Fedwire Securities Service is designed to deliver the reliability and security you know and trust from the Federal Reserve Banks. Service resilience is enhanced through out-of-region backup facilities for the Fedwire Securities Service application, routine testing of business continuity procedures across a variety of contingency situations and ongoing enhancements to recovery procedures. The Fedwire Securities Service consistently exceeds availability standards.

Flexibility and Control

You have a choice of connection options when using the Fedwire Securities Service. Internet Protocol-based access is available via either the FedLine Direct® or FedLine Advantage® Solutions, which may be selected based on volume, staffing requirements and use of other Federal Reserve services. Customers opting to access the service via the FedLine Advantage solution use FedPayments® Manager to prepare and submit securities transfers and other messages to the Fedwire Securities Service for processing. FedPayments Manager also provides information about incoming messages and offers online inquiry and reporting capabilities. The offline service, in which securities transfers are sent or received by telephone, is also available for lower-volume participants.

Fedwire Securities Service participants may maintain one or more securities accounts, which are classified as either unrestricted or restricted. Participants typically use unrestricted accounts to segregate their internal holdings of securities from those they hold for their customers. Restricted accounts are used to pledge collateral to secure obligations related to Treasury programs, Federal Reserve discount window loans, payment system risk requirements, joint custody, and other government and federal agency purposes.

Convenience and Efficiency

The Fedwire Securities Service's automated claim adjustment processing feature for mortgage-backed securities is designed to help meet your need for efficient processing of adjustments of payments of principal and interest. Claim adjustments relating to fail transactions, interim accounting and repo transactions redirect principal and interest payments from one participant's master account to another's.

Trusted Option

As a Fedwire Securities Service participant, you can send and receive securities to and from a network of more than 3,800 participants. A list of active Fedwire participants is available in the E-Payments Routing Directory at FRBservices.org℠.

The Federal Reserve Banks offer highly competitive transaction, per-issue and monthly maintenance prices. Account maintenance fees are waived for accounts holding only U.S. Treasury securities and for certain accounts used to pledge securities to the U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Banks. Service fees are available at FRBservices.org.

Hours of Operation

The Fedwire Securities Service operates daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. In addition, participants can reposition securities held in their accounts versus payment until 4:30 p.m. and free of payment until 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. We also provide a Fedwire Securities Service operations status report on FRBservices.org that states the daily opening and closing times, plus any unusual disruption in service. Hours are extended on occasion at the discretion of the Federal Reserve Banks.

Key Benefits

- Real-time, delivery-versus-payment (DVP)
- Low transaction fees
- Secure and reliable
- Multiple access alternatives
- Flexible account structure
- Automated Claim Adjustment Processing (ACAP)

Fedwire Securities Service Advantage

By providing convenient access to participants' holdings of book-entry securities, the Federal Reserve Banks contribute to the efficiency and liquidity of the government securities market. The Fedwire Securities Service can offer flexibility, efficiency and robust support for your institution.

Federal Reserve Financial Services

The Federal Reserve Banks offer a full range of financial services to assist you in achieving a sustainable competitive advantage. We provide innovative and progressive services that enable you to capitalize on growth and revenue opportunities. Our services are designed to provide the accessibility and flexibility you need to compete in a dynamic and evolving industry. Given our integrity and reliability, you can count on the Federal Reserve Banks to provide you with services that deliver benefits. The Federal Reserve Banks offer a full range of financial services, including FedCash® Services, Check, FedImage® Services, FedACH® Services, the Fedwire Funds Service, the Fedwire Securities Service, the National Settlement Service and Treasury Services. In addition, we offer services designed to support your use of other Federal Reserve financial services, including Account Management Information.

Customer Support

The Federal Reserve Banks are committed to providing you with exceptional customer service. Our support team is available to assist you in using all of our products and services. The Federal Reserve Banks of Boston and Kansas City are the two service sites that provide Fedwire Funds Service support for customers. Please call the customer support center that serves your Federal Reserve District as indicated below.

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Please call: (800) 327-0147

Local: (617) 973-3722

Or write to Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, P.O. Box 55882, Boston, MA 02205

Customers in the following Federal Reserve Districts:

Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Richmond and San Francisco

Please call: (800) 333-2448

Or write to Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, P.O. Box 419033, Kansas City, MO 64141-6033

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