



EQUITABLE SHARING WIRE

The Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS) oversees the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program (Program) and is responsible for providing Program oversight, including evaluating policies and implementing Program enhancements. A new web portal, called eShare, has been developed to allow Program participants to view the status of their pending equitable sharing requests (DAG-71 forms) and run reports on disbursed equitable sharing payments. The portal will access data for activity since October 1, 2006 for Department of Justice seizures and forfeitures. Information regarding Department of the Treasury assets is not currently available through this portal.

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In September 2012, AFMLS invited 10 state and local agencies to participate in a pilot version of the eShare portal. Based on valuable feedback provided by the pilot participants, several changes and upgrades were incorporated to enhance the site. As additional agencies are granted access, we will welcome feedback on ways to enhance and improve the portal for the end users, our State and local sharing participants.

Later this month, AFMLS will begin contacting agencies that have filed Version 2.1 of the ESAC which was released in October 2012 and provide instructions on how to register for an eShare account. As the year progresses, additional agencies will be invited to open accounts. No agency will be granted access until invited.

As an agency is selected to participate, the agency's finance contact listed on the most recent ESAC form will be emailed an Account Request Form. The form must be completed and returned via email per the form instructions. Accounts will only be provided to active employees authorized to access information regarding pending or paid equitable sharing. Each year when your agency's compliance date approaches, the finance contact will be responsible for validating any existing user accounts.

At this time, registration for an account is completely voluntary and your agency can continue to be a Program participant without accessing the eShare portal. However, we believe that the data provided regarding disbursed sharing will be an invaluable tool in meeting your agency's requirements in reconciling wire transfers from the US Marshals Service and preparing its yearly Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification (ESAC) filing. In addition, information regarding the forfeiture and disposal status of assets will be provided to assist your agency in determining the status of pending sharing requests.

Questions regarding the eShare portal should be addressed to the Forfeiture Systems Help Desk at (202) 616-2287 or via email at

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