

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Transition to Electronic Payments and Disbursements**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to inform the public that effective September 30, 2025, the Department of Labor (DOL) will no longer accept paper checks as a form of payment, and DOL will not issue paper checks as payments, as directed in President Trump's Executive Order 14247, *Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account* (E.O. 14247), to the extent permitted by law. This change is intended to improve efficiency in processing payments and reduce administrative burdens. DOL is committed to assisting the public during this transition period and encourages any affected parties to reach out with questions or concerns.

**DATES:** This change will be implemented beginning September 30, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

On March 25, 2025, President Trump issued E.O. 14247, *Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account* (90 FR 14001).<sup>1</sup> E.O. 14247 "promotes operational efficiency by mandating the transition to electronic payments for all Federal disbursements and receipts by digitizing payments to the extent permissible under applicable law . . ." and requires the U.S. Department of the Treasury to "cease issuing paper checks" by September 30, 2025. It further requires all executive departments and agencies to "comply by transitioning to electronic funds transfer [EFT] methods, including direct deposit, prepaid card accounts, and other digital payment options, and take all steps necessary to enroll recipients

in EFT payments . . ." The directives included in E.O. 14247 were given to executive agencies to transition to EFT methods and other digital payment options for payments made to the Federal Government to facilitate electronic processing as permissible and as soon as practicable.

Accordingly, to advance President Trump's directives in E.O. 14247 and to build upon the Department's ongoing technological efficiency initiatives, DOL will no longer accept paper checks as a form of payment, nor will DOL issue paper checks.

**II. Impact of This Change**

The transition from paper checks to electronic payments offers several important advantages:

- *Speed and Efficiency:* Electronic Funds Transfers (EFTs) are processed more quickly than paper checks, helping beneficiaries receive their payments on time without delays.
- *Cost Savings:* According to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, issuing a paper check costs about 50 cents, whereas an EFT costs less than 15 cents. This shift could save the federal government millions of dollars annually.
- *Enhanced Security:* Paper checks are 16 times more likely to be lost or stolen compared to electronic payments, increasing the risk of fraud. Electronic payments provide a safer, more secure way to receive benefits.

By September 30, 2025, the Department of the Treasury will cease issuing paper checks for all federal disbursements, to the extent permitted by law. All federal agencies must transition to electronic funds transfer (EFT) and actively enroll recipients in digital payment methods. To ensure compliance and minimize disruptions, DOL is proactively sending notices to people who currently receive paper checks to explain the upcoming change and highlight the benefits of switching to electronic payments.

For more information, please visit the E.O. resource hub at <https://tfx.treasury.gov/eo-resources>.

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**MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION**

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**Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2025 (Fiji and Tonga)**

**AGENCY:** Millennium Challenge Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This report is provided in accordance with the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended. The report is set forth in full below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2025 (Fiji and Tonga).

**Summary**

This report is provided in accordance with section 608(d)(1) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, as amended (the Act) (22 U.S.C. 7707(d)(1)). This is the third such report for fiscal year (FY) 2025, following the August 2025 MCC Board decisions to select Fiji as eligible to develop a compact and Tonga to develop a threshold program.

The Act authorizes the provision of assistance under section 605 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7704) to countries that enter into compacts with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the progress of such countries in achieving lasting economic growth and are in furtherance of the Act. The Act requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to determine the countries that will be eligible to receive assistance for the fiscal year, based on their demonstrated commitment to good governance, economic freedom, and investing in their people, as well as on the opportunity to invest in shared prosperity. The Act also requires the submission of reports to appropriate congressional committees and the publication of notices in the **Federal Register** that identify, among other things:

1. The countries that are "candidate countries" for assistance for FY 2025 based on their per-capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law, and countries that would be candidate countries, but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (section 608(a) of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7707(a)));

2. The criteria and methodology that the Board of Directors of MCC (the Board) used to measure and evaluate the policy performance of the "candidate countries" consistent with the requirements of section 607 of the Act in order to determine "eligible

<sup>1</sup> See E.O. 14247, *Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account* (2025) at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/03/modernizing-payments-to-and-from-americas-bank-account/>.