

R97054
REQUEST FOR INITIATION OF A GISB STANDARD
OR
ENHANCEMENT OF AN EXISTING STANDARD

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1. Submitting Entity & Address:

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3. Description of Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

A new mandatory "Detail Code" data element is needed in the Request for Confirmation and Confirmation Response data sets which will indicate the nature of the information contained in the data sets.

4. Use of Proposed Standard or Enhancement (include how the standard will be used, documentation on the description of the proposed standard, any existing documentation of the proposed standard, and required communication protocols):

The code would be used to communicate whether the data set includes all transactions at the location or just transactions changed from previous confirmations. There would also need to be a code that is used only for the Confirmation Response which indicates that only exceptions have been provided in the data set and that all transactions included in the Request for Confirmation not included in the Confirmation Response data set are deemed as confirmed as requested. (This last code would allow the responding party to minimize the number of transactions in the data set without losing functionality on the part of the requesting party.)

5. Description of Any Tangible or Intangible Benefits to the Use of the Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

As a result of the official “clarification” C96028, there are multiple ways to populate the confirmation data sets. Each location can have its own “negotiated” protocols for populating data sets. To avoid having to hard code protocols for each location, a code would indicate to the data set recipient exactly the nature of the information contained in the data set so automated “routines” may be written process the data. Hard coding solutions is time consuming and difficult to maintain where codes with associated routines are relatively easy to process and maintain.

6. Estimate of Incremental Specific Costs to Implement Proposed Standard or Enhancement:

Cost savings will be created by adding this data element as opposed to hard coding solutions.

7. Description of Any Specific Legal or Other Considerations:

Unknown.

8. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement is Not Tested Yet, List Trading Partners Willing to Test Standard or Enhancement (Corporations and contacts):

Unknown.

9. If This Proposed Standard or Enhancement Is In Use, Who are the Trading Partners:

Confirmations are currently a manual process and therefore this proposed solution is not in use.

10. Attachments (such as: further detailed proposals, transaction data descriptions, information flows, implementation guides, business process descriptions, examples of ASC ANSI X.12 mapped transactions):

Work in progress. Additional information will be provided to the task force assigned to study this request.