

Governmentwide Spending Data Model (GSDM*) November 2023 Release

Significant Changes

1. Rebrands DAIMS as the Governmentwide Spending Data Model (GSDM). The rebranding is being done to reflect the inclusion of legislation and policies that go beyond the DATA Act. This will impact all DAIMS documents and should have minimal impact on agencies.
2. Adds new data element Program Activity Reporting Key (PARK) for the unique identifier assigned by OMB to track Program Activity by TAS. This is the outcome of the efforts of OMB and Treasury to streamline the process for agencies to submit Program Activities and improve data quality to align with the President's Budget. This change will include new validation rules and will impact agency submissions of Files B and C. PARK will be required FY26 P01/02 and PAC/PAN will only be accepted for resubmissions/corrections for periods prior to FY26. This will also impact how agencies manage and submit program activity for OMB review and approval.
3. Updates File B and C, as well as Validation Rules, to allow for Prior Year Adjustments (PYAs) for USSGL balance rows to close the PYA gap in presenting resources and obligations over time. This change, which will be required in FY25 P01/02, will address GAO concerns regarding COVID-19 pages on USAspending.gov.
4. Adds support for Broker-Generated File A to be automatically added to agency submissions. The Broker-Generated file is based on agency submissions to GTAS and thus will increase data accuracy and reduce agency reporting burden. If an Agency prefers to use their own File A in lieu of the Broker-Generated version, they will have the opportunity to replace the Broker-Generated File A.
5. Provides guidance to agencies on how to report Congressional Districts that changed in January 2023 due to 2020 census data. This change replaces FABS43.2 and FABS44.2 with FABS43.5 and FABS44.5; and revises FABS43.4 and FABS44.3 to validate that the congressional district provided is associated with the provided zip code. Agencies should review the details of these changes as it will impact the Broker and USAspending. Broker deployment date is scheduled for December 12, 2023.

Minor Changes

1. Updates Rule B12 language to reference data element by name instead of using Direct Reimbursable flag language and require ByDirectReimbursableFundingSource for all budgetary USSGLs. This will have limited impact on agencies as most are already submitting values.
2. Updates all labels and references of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) to the new label Assistance Listing for consistency with authoritative sources. This may impact agencies that are still using the CFDA label, however, the Broker will accept both column header labels in the FABS submissions. Broker deployment date is scheduled for January 23, 2024.
3. Provides Domain Value definitions for the informational only Broker-Generated File A GTAS Status. Agencies may find it useful in determining whether to include each TAS from the Broker-Generated File A in their final submission. NOTE: The column will only be available in the Broker-Generated File A.
4. Clarifies language in Practices and Procedures about DABS errors and warnings business logic; micro-purchases; Transaction Obligated Amount (TOA); Award Modifications; negative/positive balances due to recoveries; and Discounts, Penalties, and Interest (DIP). This will help reduce agency confusion on what is expected in their submission files.

* Formerly known as the DATA Act Information Model Schema (DAIMS)

5. Clarifies text for cross-file validation rules A18, A19 and A35. Current rules are phrased inconsistently when referring to element names. This is a text only change and will not affect the rule implementation nor agencies.

Editorial/Text Changes and Reminders

1. Updates Validation Rule FABS 31.2 to have the correct action date requirement.
2. Updates Required/Optional field in RSS to reflect implementation status. This will not impact agencies as it updates documentation to reflect Broker implementation status.
3. Removes extraneous spaces in data element labels in File D1 and Domain Values. This change is made to be consistent with database and programming standards. This will have no impact on agency submissions but may impact data consumers.
4. Updates definition for Action Type data element to clarify that it is a code and when it is applicable. This will help eliminate confusion on what is expected for this element. This will have no impact on agencies.
5. Reminds agencies that FABS47.2, FABS47.3, and FABS48.2 will become fatal errors as of October 1, 2024. These rules are to support approved changes for Funding Opportunity Number and Funding Opportunity Goals Text.
6. Reminds agencies that USSGL487200 and USSGL497200 in File C will become conditionally required for FY25 reporting, with the 'condition' being that the row is a non-TOA (balance) row. This requirement is enforced by rule C30. We added this requirement in DAIMS v2.2, but we are recapitulating it here as a reminder, since it has yet to come into effect.