## IMPORTANT NOTICE DTCC Solutions LLC



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To: All current and prospective Cost Basis Reporting Service users

Attention: Managing Partner/Officer; Operations Partner/Officer; Manager, Customer

Account Transfer Department; Manager, Margin Department; Manager, Data

Processing Department; Manager, Mutual Funds Operations; Manager, Cashiers

Department

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Subject: Updated Cost Basis Reporting Service record layouts

DTCC plans to change the current Cost Basis Reporting Service (CBRS) to provide cost basis information to industry participants with respect to IRS regulations that go into effect on January 1, 2011. Enhanced CBRS user testing began on September 13, 2010. Testing for the existing record layouts is no longer supported. The enhanced CBRS system is scheduled to go live in production on **December 10, 2010**. The existing system will no longer be supported once the new system is in production.<sup>1</sup>

The CBRS record layouts have been updated. This Notice describes the various changes.

## **Specifics of the Changes to the Record Layouts**

Fields on the Asset Input, Tax Lot Input, and Cost Basis Transaction MRO record layouts have changed. The table below details the changes. In the **Field** column, after each field name there is a code: A = Asset Input, T = Tax Lot Input, O = Cost Basis Transaction MRO record layout.

| Field                                        | Change                           |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Original Cost (A – Original/Corrected) | Added Comment                    |
|                                              | Removed Best Practice            |
| Total Current Cost (A – Original/Corrected)  | Added Comment                    |
|                                              | Added Best Practice              |
| Total Average Cost (A – Original/Corrected)  | Changed wording of Best Practice |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subject to approval from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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| Receiving Firm Number (A – Firm Reject/Request)  | Added rule                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Submitting Firm Number (A – Firm Reject/Request) | Added rule                                           |
| Taxes Reported by Issuer/Transfer Agent (T)      | Added rule                                           |
| Tax Lot Original Cost (T)                        | Added Comment                                        |
|                                                  | Removed Best Practice                                |
| Tax Lot Current Cost (T)                         | Added Comment                                        |
|                                                  | Added Best Practice                                  |
| Distribution Side (O)                            | Changed wording of values                            |
| TO Record Content Indicator (O)                  | Changed wording of values                            |
| TO Gifted or Inherited Indicator (O)             | Added value <b>03</b> = <b>Inherited then Gifted</b> |

## Additional Information

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http://www.dtcc.com/products/documentation/cs/cbrs\_notices.php

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