



Important Notice

Fixed Income Clearing Corporation - MBS

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Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (FICC) places the utmost priority on the security of its systems. We are committed to protecting our members' ability to access our services and applications and the integrity of the data you entrust to us.

As communicated these past couple months, FICC has worked diligently to implement its plan to address the Secure Socket Layer (SSLv3) internet vulnerability, POODLE. We are in the final stages of this effort and want to remind you that **on Saturday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m. EST, FICC will permanently disable support for SSLv3 across all of its web-based services.** In its place FICC will be strictly supporting the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol.

In the last couple of months, we have reached out to members and other stakeholders to communicate our approach to keep them fully aware of our efforts prior to disabling SSLv3. We also conducted due diligence testing with our members the weekends of December 6, 2014 and January 10, 2015 so that they could assess their connection to us in a solely TLS supported environment. We had wide participation in these tests and are pleased to say the results have been positive with no significant issues identified.

For your reference, attached are directions you can follow to activate TLS from your browsers if it is not already in place. **If you are unsure if your systems support TLS, we recommend that you check with your internal IT department to confirm your firm's protocol.**

We thank you for your cooperation through our efforts and during our testing dates, which was instrumental in our ability to provide a seamless transition to migrate solely to TLS.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our Client Services Center (CSC) at **888-382-2721**, press option 1, then option 3 to speak to a representative.

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