DTCC *Important Notice* The Depository Trust Company

B #:	2003-15
Date:	November 3, 2015
То:	All Transfer Agents and Trustees
Category:	Corporate Trust Services
From:	Securities Processing Operations and Product Management
Attention:	All Operations Managers
Subject:	New Agent Web Page on DTCC's Web Site

We are pleased to announce that DTCC has developed an Agent Web page on its public web site, www.dtcc.com. This web resource was developed to address the needs of the Agent community when interfacing with DTCC's depository unit, DTC.

Features of the new Agent web site include:

- All Agent-related Computer-to-Computer (CCF) file guides
- Details concerning all DTC services related to Agents
- DTC member directories
- Mailbox contact list
- Agent-related SMART/Search reports
- Extensive list of "How To..." guides
- Link to DTCC Learning with interactive teaching tools
- TA Essentials:
 - 17Ad-16 form
 - FINS form
 - DTC Operational Arrangements document
 - Tax forms
 - ANIRA user guide and registration forms

Agents are encouraged to access the web site and make use of the resources. All suggestions, recommendation and comments can be sent to the undersigned at <u>jpclemente@dtcc.com</u> or (813) 470-1228.

Please note the attached access instructions.

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DTCC offers enhanced access to all important notices via a Web-based subscription service. The notification system leverages RSS Newsfeeds, providing significant benefits including real-time updates and customizable delivery. To learn more and to set up your own DTCC RSS alerts, visit http://www.dtcc.com/subscription_form.php.

ACCESSING THE AGENT WEB PAGE ON <u>WWW.DTCC.COM</u>

- 1. Either type or copy-and-paste <u>www.dtcc.com</u> into your browser.
- 2. When the DTCC home page opens, click on Settlement & Asset Services on the title bar.

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6. Be sure to note the links under **ESSENTIALS**:



7. Further down on the same page is a link to the **FAST Learning Center.** Click on the link.

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8. The first time you access the page, click on **Register Now** in the Log in box and create your password.

