

Client Enrichment Series

Welcome to today's presentation:

eRETA Digest

April 25, 2023

The presentation will start at 1 pm Eastern

Note: Participant audio is automatically muted during the presentation. You can ask questions via the Q&A feature and our eRETA eXPERTS will address them. A formal Q&A document, session slide deck, and a recording of this class will be made available on www.gsa.gov/ces after our session.





Welcome!

eRETA Digest

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Use of eRETA is required to send RWAs and RWA Work Requests

Resources, guides, presentations, Q&A and training videos are available online at:

www.gsa.gov/ereta and www.gsa.gov/ces



Audience Poll - eRETA Digest Class Experience

Is this your first eRETA Digest class?

- Yes
- No



Audience Poll - Returning eRETA Digest Class Participants

If you are a returning participant, what areas are you most interested in? Choose all that apply.

- Gaining access to eRETA
- Submitting a new Work Request
- Performing a search in eRETA
- Uploading documents
- Amending an existing RWA
- Other (please add your interest to the "Chat" pane)



Audience Poll - eRETA Access

What access do you currently have in eRETA?

- Data Entry user
- Read Only user
- I don't have an eRETA user ID yet



Audience Poll - Number of Work Requests

If you are a Data Entry User, approximately how many RWA Work Requests have you sent to GSA in eRETA since eRETA was required in Oct 2019?

- 1-5
- 6-10
- More than 10
- More than I can remember!
- I am not a Data Entry User



Today's Topics

- eRETA Website and Access
- Understanding the eRETA Searches and a walkthrough of all search fields
- Work Request/RWA "Progress Tracker"
- Creating a Work Request
 - O Data Entry Customer Info, Billing Info, Accounting Details, Customer Approval
 - Component Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) Format and "My Favorites"
 - Multiple Funding Strings and the "Line to Bill" Feature
 - Validations on Dollar Amounts, Treasury Symbols, and Period of Performance
 - Digital Signatures
- Four RWA Amendment Input Codes
- Contacts for more help



Gaining Access and Training Materials

Visit www.gsa.gov/ereta for eRETA access and Training

How to request access to eRETA:

(also available on the "How do I access eRETA?" section of the webpage)

- 1. Complete initial online application (Account Request Form)
- 2. Forward completed Account Request Form to your supervisor and have them send directly to **eRETA@gsa.gov** with a statement affirming your request for access
- 3. Receive "Welcome to eRETA" email and follow final instructions

How to login to eRETA:

• Once you have been granted access, go to https://extportal.pbs.gsa.gov/ and click the "Sign In" link at the top of the screen

Where to find Training Materials: "eRETA Training Materials" page:

- Detailed user guides and Quick Tips on how to navigate and use eRETA
- Video demonstrations and recordings of past training sessions

Can't find what you're looking for?

- RWA Policy, Process and FAQs are available at www.gsa.gov/RWA
- Reach out for help: Contact Us



Work Request-RWA Process						
Pre-Planning Status	Customer enters and saves WR information					
Unassigned Status	Customer sends WR to GSA Email from eRETA: New WR is submitted to GSA					

GSA may take up to 5 business days to assign a PM/POC

Planning/Estimate Status	 GSA assigns PM/POC to project or service
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GSA may take 15 business days to review before routing for signatures

Pending-New Status	GSA reviews and enters GSA-specific information
Sig-Requested Status	GSA routes for digital signatures
Accepted Status	Customer and GSA digitally sign RWA via DocuSign Email Email from eRETA: Acceptance Letter

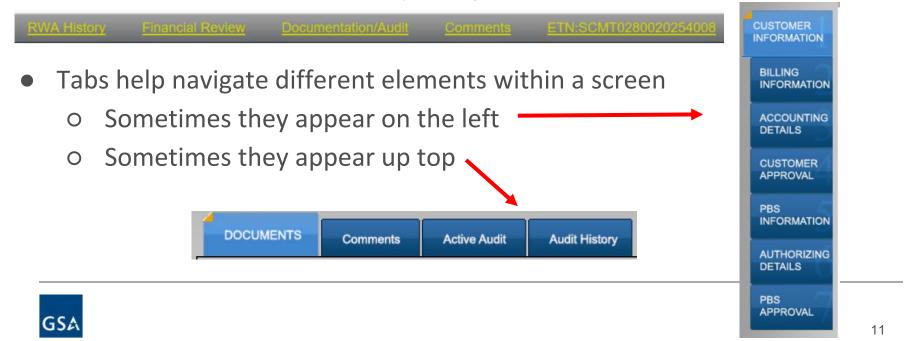


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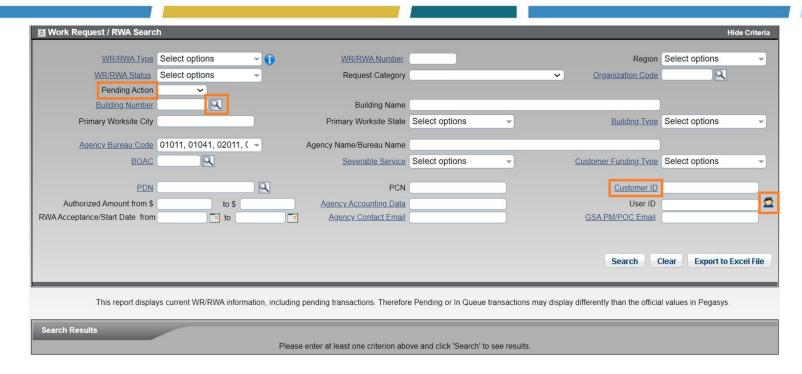
- Blue words are hyperlinks: they open up the Glossary definitions
- A Magnifying Glass helps you do a more detailed item/code search
- * Red Asterisks mean the field is required
- Searches can be downloaded to Excel by clicking export

Export to Excel File

Yellow links at the bottom help navigate between different screens



eRETA Search Tips and Tricks

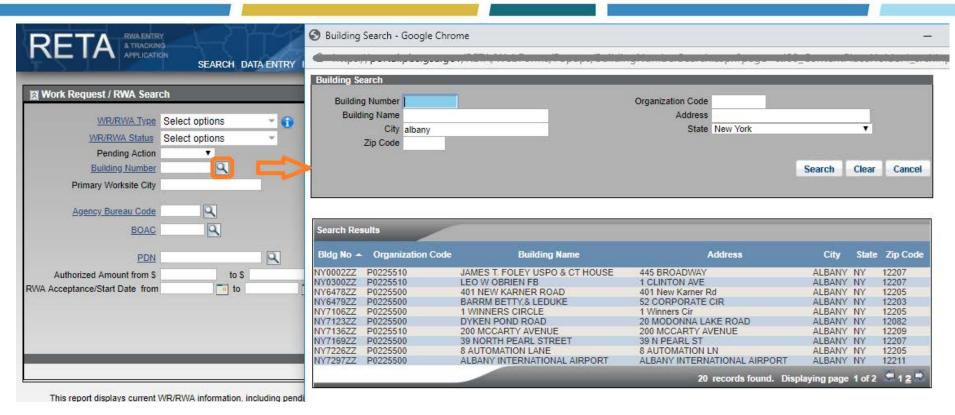


eRETA will search for all records that match ALL criteria entered - less is more when searching.

- "Pending Action" filter allows you to find WR/RWAs waiting for your "Customer" action and attention.
- "Customer ID" works like a keyword search for the "Customer Order Number", "Agency Accounting Data", or the "Brief Project Description" fields.
- The "person" icon auto-populates your name in the User ID field.



eRETA Search Tips and Tricks (cont.)

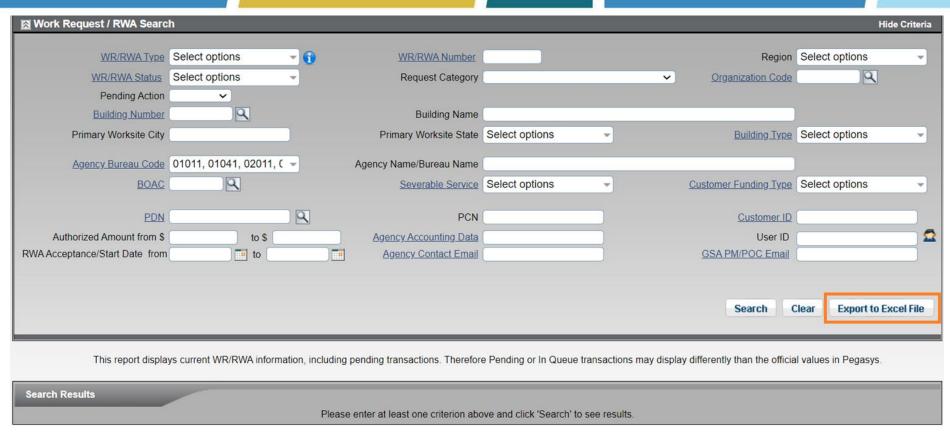


• A Magnifying glass icon opens a drill down search for that field.





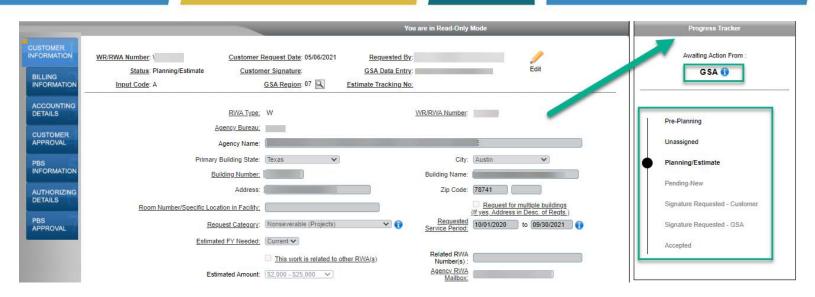
eRETA Search Export to Excel



Export to Excel to see more data.



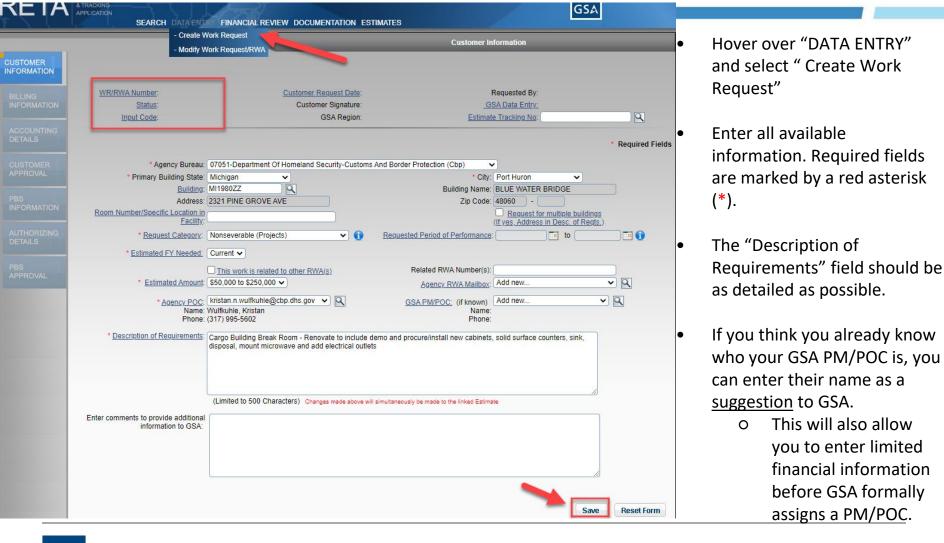
Work Request/RWA "Progress Tracker"



- The Progress Tracker shows up on the side for all pending Work Requests and RWAs.
- The top will indicate who has the current action: you as the customer, GSA, GSA HQ Office, or no action (this final status will display for RWAs that are now accepted or those that are cancelled).
- The bubble will move down the path as the Work Request gets closer to RWA Acceptance.
- The Progress Tracker currently only displays for Work Requests up to RWA Acceptance. Subsequent RWA
 amendments will not show a new set of statuses.



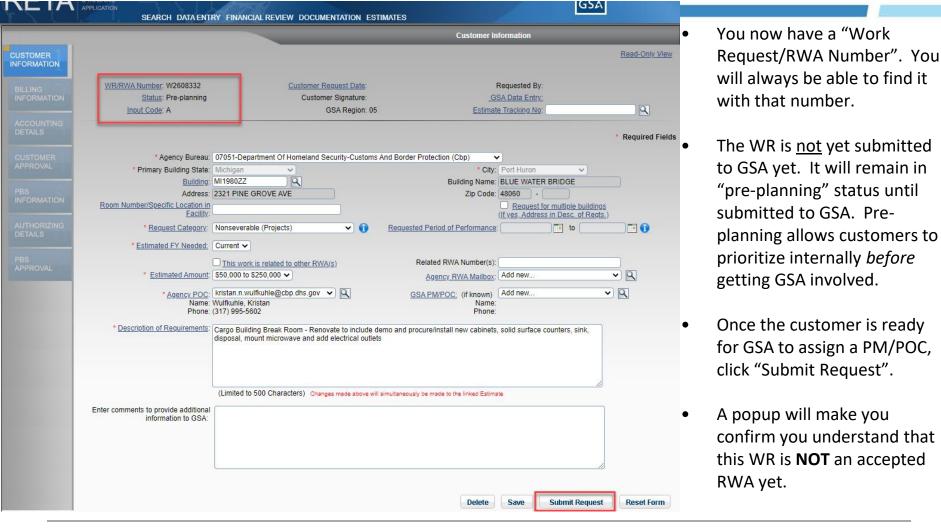
Creating/Submitting Work Requests (WR)





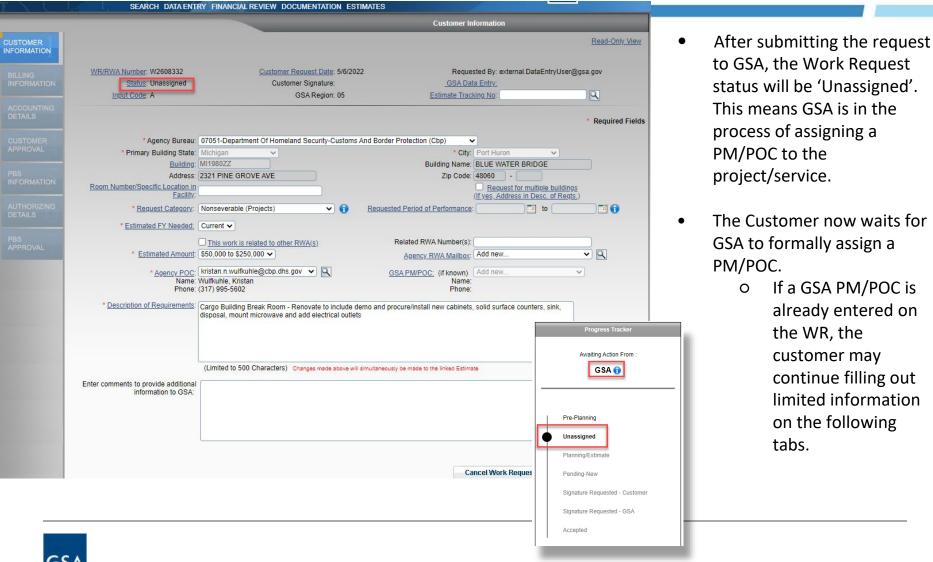
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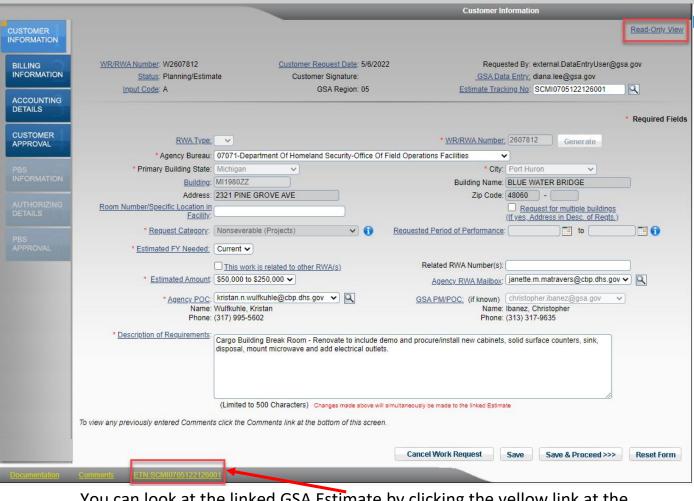




Creating/Submitting Work Requests (WR), conclusion



Edit Mode vs Read Only Mode



- Clicking "Read Only View" will take you out of edit mode.
- To enter edit mode again, click the Edit button (pencil)

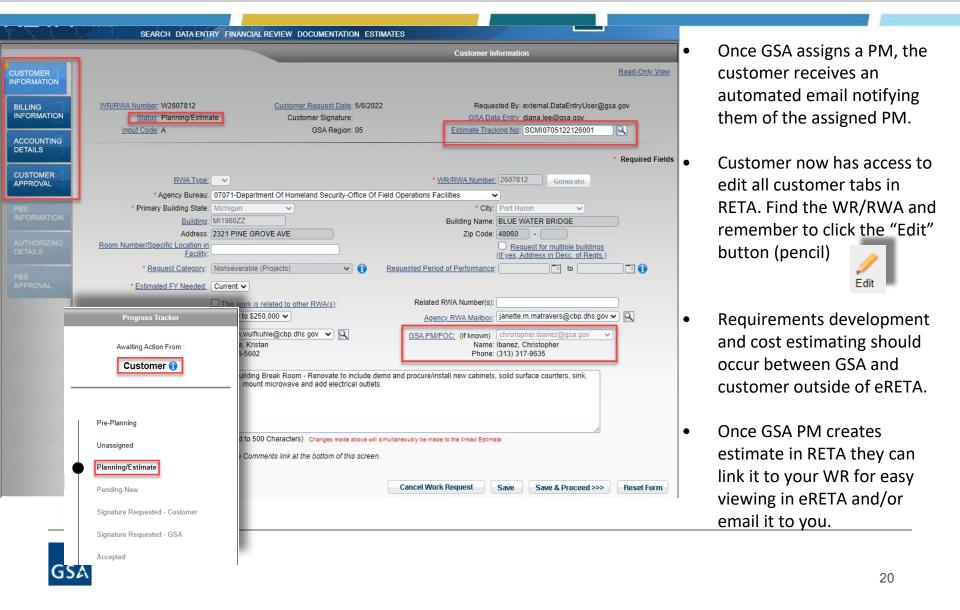


 There are yellow links at the bottom of the screen which take you to the estimate, documents or other related sections of the WR/RWA

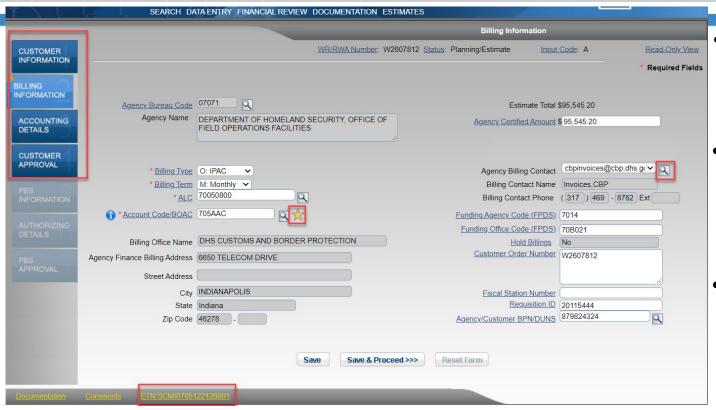
You can look at the linked GSA Estimate by clicking the yellow link at the bottom that starts with "ETN" (Estimate Tracking Number)



Completing/Submitting the RWA Information



Entering RWA Information (Billing Info)



- Customers can update data on the first 4 tabs.
 The last 3 are for GSA only.
- Customers should begin finalizing data in eRETA as soon as a GSA estimate is linked to the work request.
- Star icon allows
 customers to save some
 information to "My
 Favorites" for easy
 lookup on future
 WR/RWAs

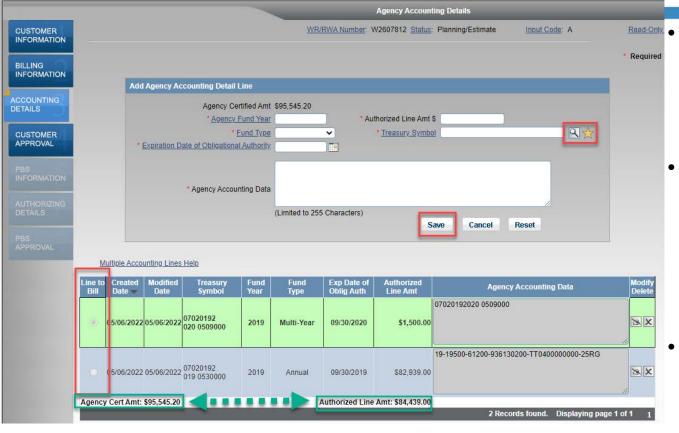
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The Magnifying glass icon provides "lookups" to search for information.



Entering RWA Information (Accounting Details)

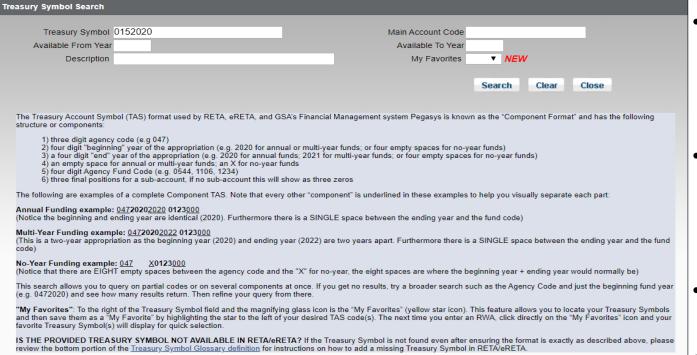


- Enter the funding including the fund year, fund type, fund expiration date, Treasury Symbols, and Accounting Data.

 Use the lookup or favorites
- Multiple funding sources (e.g. multiple accounts) can fund an RWA. However the sum of all sources must equal the total RWA Agency Certified Amount (from the Billing Information tab and GSA Estimate).
- All data is transferred to future billing statements for easy reconciliation. If multiple funding sources provided, only one funding source can be billed at a time. Confirm which one to GSA should bill first on the "Line to Bill" column.



Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) and "My Favorites"



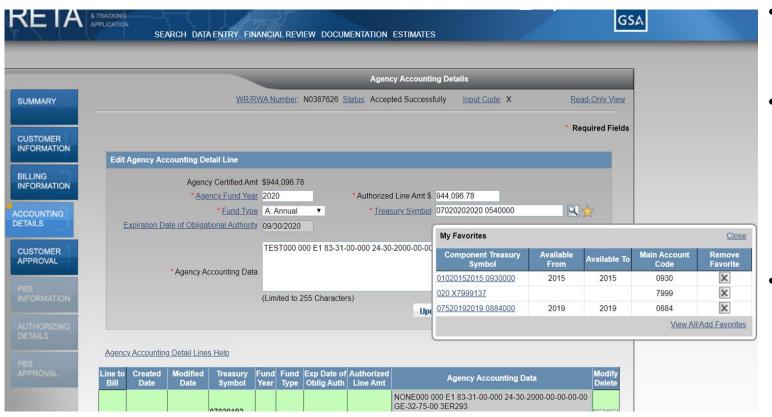
•	After clicking the
	Lookup symbol for the
	Treasury Account Symbol,
	you will see this popup
	screen.

- The TAS format is tricky: the exact "Component TAS" format required by Treasury and GSA billing system. See the instructions they help.
- Enter a <u>partial</u> TAS code to do a search.
 - TAS search allows for both "Component" format and also "Two-digit year" format.
 - Highlight the "star" icon to save a favorite TAS.

Search R	esults								
Favorite	Component Treasury Symbol	Two Digit Year Treasury Symbol	Sub-level Prefix	Agency Identifier	Available From Year	Available To Year	Main Account Sub Code	-Account Code	Description
\bigstar	01520202020 0327000	15200327		015	2020	2020	0327		INDEPENDENT COUNSEL, JUSTICE
$\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$	01520202020 0339000	15200339		015	2020	2020	0339		OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, JUSTICE
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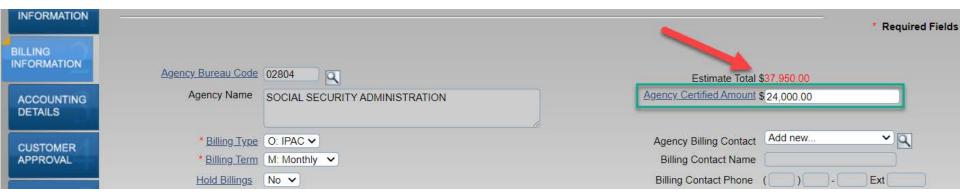
Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) and "My Favorites", con't



- Highlight the "star" icon to save a favorite TAS.
- Select the star to generate a "quick list" of common TAS symbols that are saved in eRETA for use on future WRs.
- Click the "X" icon to remove a favorite TAS from the list.



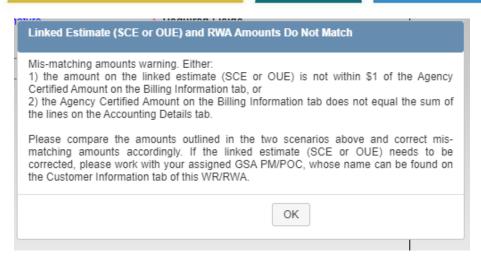
Confirming "Agency Certified Amount" matches GSA Estimate (page validation)



- The amount of the estimate linked to your Work Request is shown on the "Billing Information" tab just above the "Agency Certified Amount" field.
- If a different amount is entered from the estimate, the "Estimate Total" will turn red to indicate the amounts do not match.



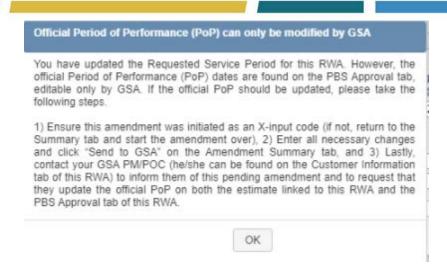
Confirming "Agency Certified Amount" matches GSA Estimate (final validation)



- If the "Agency Certified Amount" on the "Billing Information" tab is different than the GSA estimate value (by more than +/- \$1.00), eRETA will prevent you from submitting the RWA to GSA.
- You must either update the "Agency Certified Amount" to match the estimate, or work with your GSA Project
 Manager if you believe the estimate amount is incorrect. This will happen when:
 - You accidentally entered the wrong amount on the RWA
 - You are currently under a CR and are attempting to fund services for a shortened period of time work with the GSA PM/POC to revise the duration of services and value on the RETA estimate



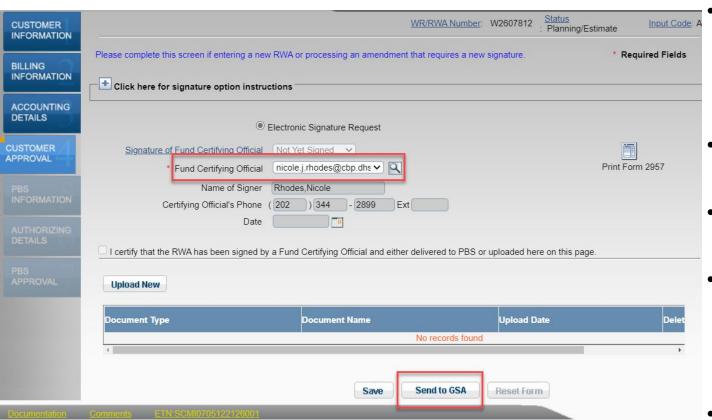
Warning Message for Changes to the RWA Period of Performance



- The official Period of Performance (PoP) on an RWA can only be changed by GSA the official dates are recorded on the PBS Approval tab. Requesting to change the PoP is a request to change the scope of services.
- If you are amending a previously accepted RWA, you will get this error if you try to change the "Requested Service Period" (PoP) dates on the "Customer Information" tab.
- The warning message instructs the eRETA user to: 1) ensure the amendment they are entering is an X-input code amendment (see amendment slides for definition), 2) then submit the amendment with the updates to the "Requested Service Period", and then 3) lastly to also communicate directly with the GSA Project Manager to emphasize the requested PoP change so the official dates can be changed to match.



Submitting the RWA to GSA & Signatures

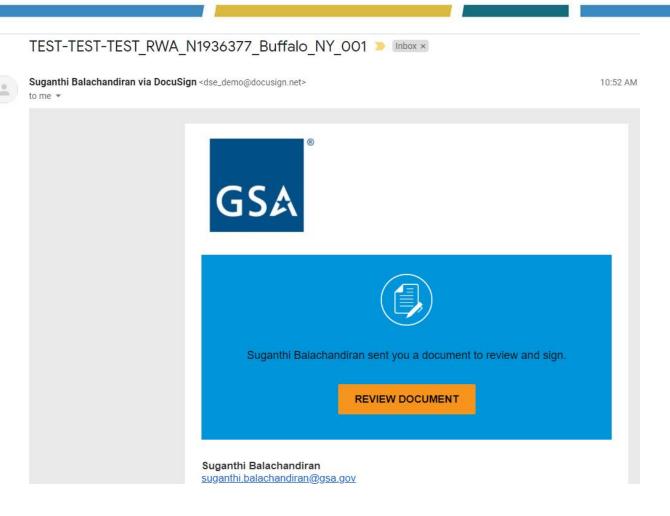


IMPORTANT: Click the "**Send to GSA**" button. GSA cannot review or accept the RWA until that button is clicked.

- On the "Customer Approval" tab enter the email for the person who will <u>eventually</u> sign the RWA. (Will sign via email)
- You can print the draft form here.
- Click "Send to GSA" to submit the RWA.
- GSA will enter more information and quality control on the package. If there are errors, you will be contacted.
 - The Customer Fund
 Certifying Official will get
 an email from "DocuSIgn"
 to apply their signature



Digital Signature Email from DocuSign

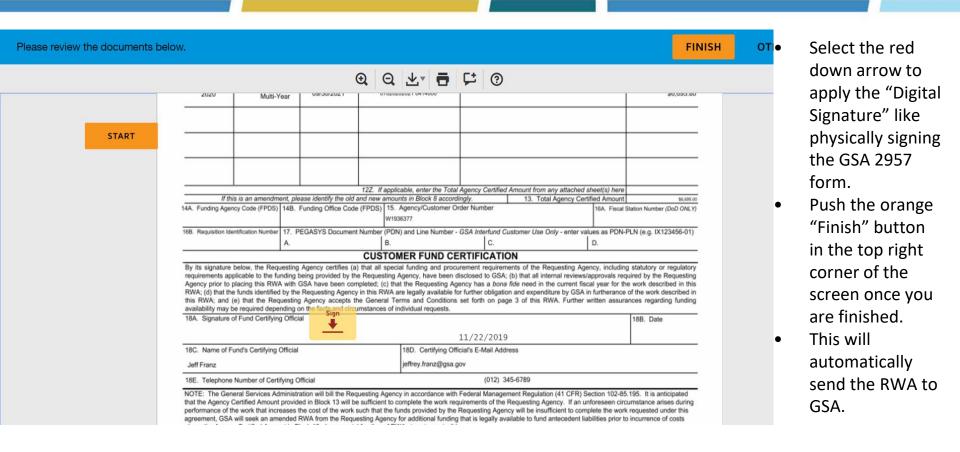


If you digitally sign RWAs, add the following email addresses to your address book so your email does not treat them as spam:

- dss@docusign.gsa.gov (most common)
- dse_na3@docusign.net
- dse@docusign.net
- dse na2@docusign.net
- dse na4@docusign.net
- <u>dse@eumail.docusign.net</u>
- <u>dse@camail.docusign.net</u>
- dse@aumail.docusign.net
- <u>dse demo@docusign.net</u>



Digitally Signing in DocuSign





Audience Poll - RWA Signatures

Do you need an eRETA user ID to digitally sign an RWA?

- Yes
- No



Audience Poll - Dedicated Funding

Does my agency need to have dedicated funding set aside for a project or service before I can submit a Work Request in eRETA to GSA?

- Yes
- No



RWA Amendment Input Codes



When do I need an amendment?

- If you need to correct or add any missing data
- You need to add funding to an RWA
- You need to cancel the RWA after acceptance due to priority changes in your organization

Four Amendment Types:

- E-input code: Customer Administrative Change direct submission to GSA's finance system (no signatures)
- X-input code: Amount and/or Scope Change (most common)
- H-input code: Billing Information Change
- N-input code: Cancel/Early Completion



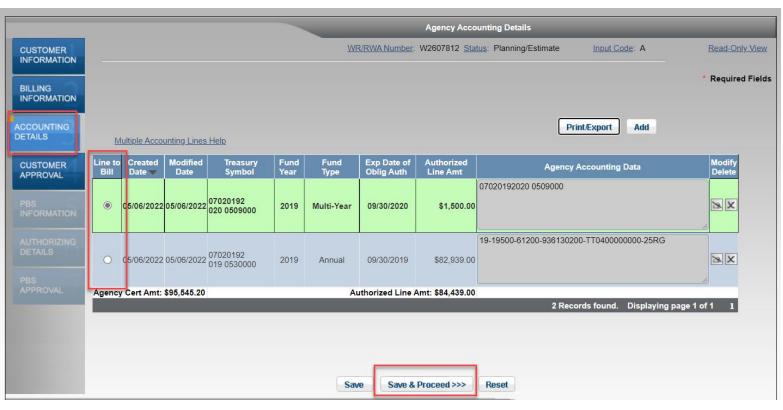
RWA Amendment Input Codes (cont.)

Field Name	Admin Change (E- input)	Billing Change (H-input)	Amount/ Scop Change (X-inpu
Customer Information Page			
Date of Request			
Agency POC information	V		V
Description of Requirements			V*
Requested Service Period From	~		V
Requested Service Period To	~		V
Work Request for multiple	~		~
buildings checkbox			•
Overtime Utilities	V	V	V
Estimated Fiscal Year Needed			
Estimated Amount			V
Work Requests related to other	V		
RWAs checkbox	•		· ·
Related RWAs text field	V		V
GSA PM/POC			
Building			
Comments	V	V	V

- The table shown here is just a portion of the <u>full</u>
 <u>version</u>. (Table also available at
 <u>www.gsa.gov/ereta</u> >
 "eRETA Training Materials"
 page.)
- Depending on the "Input Code" selected, certain fields are editable and others are not: editable fields are shown with "√"
- Changing certain fields will automatically require new digital signatures: those fields are marked with "*"



E-Input: Updating the "Line To Bill"



GSA Billing system can only bill a single accounting line at a time.

line is billed:
1) create an administrative amendment (E-input code)

To change which

- 2) select the line to bill
- 3) "Save and proceed" through the screens
- 4) Click "Submit to Pegasys"
- 5) Done. No signatures.

Submit to Pegasys

Reset Form

Save



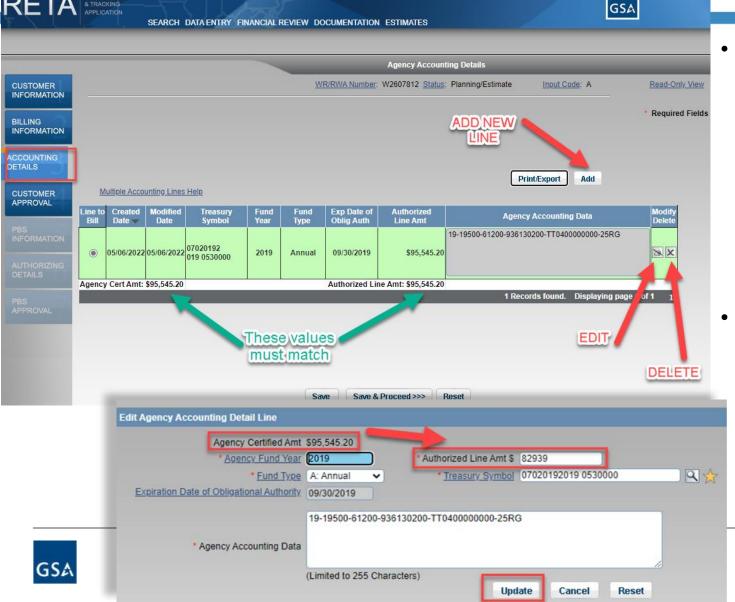
X-Input: Updating the RWA Amount



- Update the RWA value in 2 places:
 - First on the "Billing Information" tab to reflect the overall value of the RWA, to match the new estimate
 - Copy and paste the red "Estimate Total" value into the "Agency Certified Amount" field.
 - If you feel the amount is incorrect, contact your GSA PM/POC to ask them to update the estimate
 - Second on the "Accounting Details" tab to update the breakdown of accounting lines (see next slide)



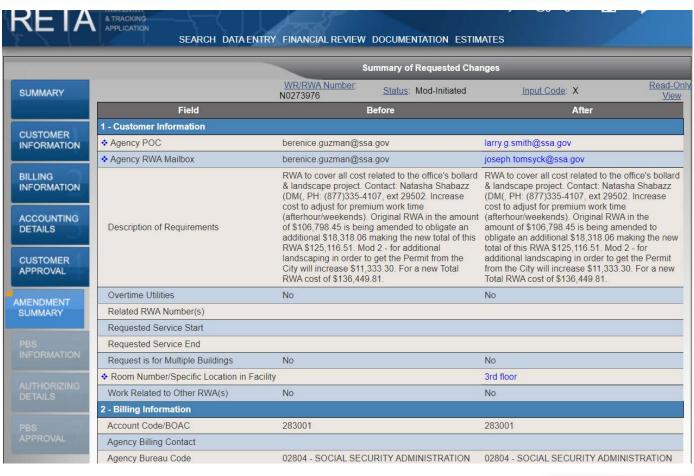
X-Input: Updating the RWA Amount, con't



 When updating the accounting details, the total of the individual accounting lines ("Authorized Line Amt") needs to match the new total RWA value - the "Agency Cert Amt"

Each accounting line must be unique - if you are increasing the RWA using the same funds as the original RWA, you should EDIT the existing accounting line to simply update the Authorized Line Amt.

Amendment Summary Tab



- Amendment Summary tab shows fields that changed from previous version to amended version in blue.
- b VERY IMPORTANT: Click the "Send to GSA" button at the bottom of the tab to send the amended RWA to GSA for review and potential acceptance.
- GSA will not be able to review or accept the amendment until you click the "Send to GSA" button.





Audience Poll - Using eRETA

As a result of today's session, how much more comfortable are you using eRETA to submit RWA information to GSA?

- Much more comfortable
- Somewhat more comfortable
- I still need some more training





Questions?

- Lots of eRETA info available at www.gsa.gov/ereta
- Lots of <u>RWA</u> info available at <u>www.gsa.gov/rwa</u>
- eRETA System question? <u>eRETA@gsa.gov</u>
- General RWA question? <u>AskRWA@gsa.gov</u>
- Specific question on an RWA project or service?
 - O Contact the GSA PM/POC listed on the RWA or the RWA Manager





GSA PBS Reimbursable Services RWA Managers





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