

Office of the Illinois State Treasurer
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Request for Proposals
Banking Services for the Settlement Account for the ePAY Program
370-300-25-010

Addendum 1
May 15, 2025

Below are the questions received by the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (“Treasurer”) and the Treasurer’s responses. But for the removal of identifying information, the questions listed herein are intended to be accurate representations of the questions received; as such, any errors in usage or spelling have not been corrected. Any capitalized terms that are not defined herein have the meaning set forth in the Request for Proposals Banking Services for the Settlement Account for the ePAY Program 370-300-25-010 (“RFP”) published by the Treasurer on April 18, 2025.

1. Section 2, page 3: Who is the incumbent vendor of this activity?

Illinois National Bank.

2. Appendix C, page 55: Can you please provide volumes for each Service Description in Appendix C – Cost Proposal?

Please see Addendum 2, which is an updated Appendix C.

3. Appendix C, page 55: What is the average daily balance in the account(s) at EOD?

The current “average” end-of-day (“EOD”) balance for individual settlement accounts (after sweeps to Illinois Funds account) is approximately \$5,000. Most individual accounts will be at the Default Target Balance of \$1,000, but there are some settlement accounts that have Target Balances that differ.

4. Could you please clarify the following points from the RFP on page four:

A. TRANSITION

1. Coordinate with the Current Vendor and the Treasurer to transition ePAY accounts, including transfer of the current ABA RTN for the sole use of ePAY;
2. Supply the Current Vendor with an image cash letter (“ICL”) or mutually agreed upon settlement process for a specified period of time after the transition date; and
3. Upon termination of the Agreement, transfer ownership of the ABA RTN and Account Numbers to a successor financial institution, selected by the Treasurer.

Is this requirement indicating you possess Universal Payment Identification Codes (UPICs), or does the state have a federal ABA number? If it is a different solution, please confirm.

Please note that the reference to “Current Vendor” in Section III.A of the RFP refers to the current Settlement Bank as identified in the response to Question #1 above.

Since the inception of the Program, the current ABA Number has been used despite transitioning vendors. During the prior transition, the ABA number was transferred to the current Settlement Bank for the sole use of ePAY. The Treasurer expects this same process to take place in the event that a transition is necessary. Additionally, the Treasurer expects this ABA Number to remain with ePAY, and accordingly Section III.A.3 speaks to transfer of the ABA number for any future transition that may be necessary. Please note that this ABA number is not associated with the State but rather with the Settlement Bank.

Section III.A.2 refers to the process during any future necessary transition, wherein the Contractor awarded an Agreement under this RFP will need to supply any future Settlement Bank a process for a specified period of time after the transition date to ensure that Participants that are still settling with the Contractor can receive their funds.

5. RFP states, “ePAY distributes funding from ePAY activity into settlement accounts at outside financial institutions or at the ePAY settlement bank (“Settlement Bank”) if The Illinois Funds services are being utilized. “ Please describe interplay between ePAY and Illinois Funds. Is this RFP *only* for settlement accounts for users of ePAY that also use Illinois Funds?

Yes, this RFP is only for settlement accounts. The settlement accounts will be for ePAY activity/deposits and each settlement account will be linked to any respective Participant’s Illinois Funds account.

6. Who is the payment processor for the ePAY program?

NCR Payment Solutions, LLC.

7. When does the current banking services ePAY settlement account contract end? Who is the current provider for these services?

Illinois National Bank is the current provider, and the relevant agreement expires November 22, 2025.

8. Please provide historical and projected balances for all DDA and Investment Accounts required as part of this RFP.

The current “average” EOD balance for settlement accounts (after sweeps to an Illinois Funds account) is approximately \$5,000. Most accounts will be at the Default Target Balance of \$1,000, but there are some settlement accounts that have Target Balances that differ. The Treasurer does not anticipate an increase in the average for individual accounts. The Treasurer does not currently have an Investment Account with the Settlement Bank so no historical or projected data is available.

9. Are the ePAY accounts: 1) set up in the name of the Treasurer's Office for the benefit of Participants or, 2) set up in the name of the Participants? If #1, how do participants currently enroll, make account changes, etc.?

Each account is set up in the name of the Participant but is under the Program. Currently, the Treasurer provides the pertinent information necessary to open the account and the current Settlement Bank generates the signature card and enrollment forms and sends back to the Treasurer to ensure signatures are obtained. The Treasurer then returns signed forms to the Settlement Bank.

10. Section B, question 6 reads "Provide the ability for the Treasurer to send and receive account documentation via secure electronic method." What type of account documentation is being referenced here and who are the other parties involved i.e., sender, receiver, etc.?

Section III.B.6 refers to the ability to send and receive account related documents such as enrollment forms, DDA letters, statements, etc. The current Settlement Bank utilizes its internal secure platform and the Treasurer's staff is able to access it and reply within it.

11. For accounts opened on behalf of the participants, are these to be titled as FBO: "For the Benefit Ff." Or will these be in the name of the Treasurer or Participants?

Accounts should be in the name of the Participants.