

### **Client Enrichment Series**

### Welcome to today's presentation:

eRETA Digest

May 9, 2024

### 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 <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/ces">www.gsa.gov/ces</a> after our session.

### Welcome!

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### **eRETA Digest**

### 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 - What Interests You?

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



### Today's Topics

- eRETA Website and Access
- Basic RWA process, Standard system features and searches
- Work Request/RWA "Progress Tracker"
- Creating a Work Request
  - 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 <a href="www.gsa.gov/ereta">www.gsa.gov/ereta</a> 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. User Completes initial online application (Account Request Form), email form to your supervisor
- 2. Supervisor sends form and their approval to <a href="mailto:eRETA@gsa.gov">eRETA@gsa.gov</a>
- 3. User Receives "Welcome to eRETA" email and follow final instructions

#### How to login to eRETA:

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

#### Where to find Training Materials: "<a href="mailto:eRETA Training Materials">eRETA Training Materials</a>" 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	<ol> <li>GSA assigns PM/POC to project or service         Email from eRETA: Work Request W## has been assigned</li> <li>GSA PM/POC and Customer develop requirements         (Scope, Estimates) and links an estimate in RETA</li> <li>This timeframe varies depending on type of project or service         Email from eRETA: GSA has approved the estimate ## for W##</li> <li>Customer enters remaining information and sends RWA to GSA for acceptance         Email from eRETA: WR/RWA Sent to GSA for Acceptance</li> </ol>
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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				



### **RETA RWA Statuses**

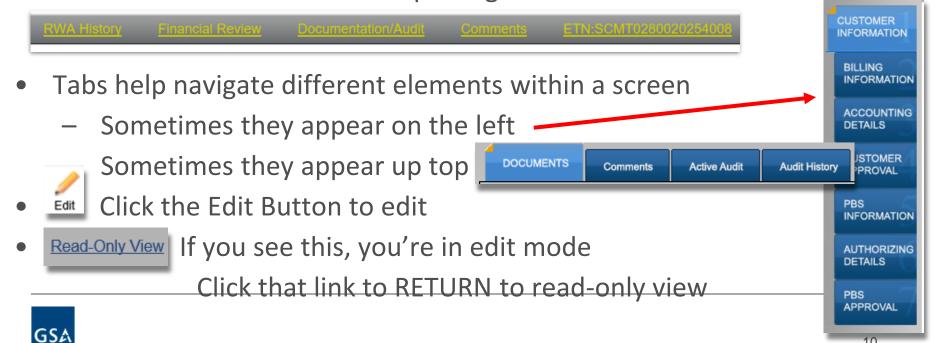
Step	RETA Status	Pending Action from	n Next Step					
1		Customer	Customer enters WR information in eRETA and clicks "Save"	N/A				
2	Pre-planning	Customer	Customer sends WR to GSA by clicking "Submit Request" N/A					
3	Unassigned	GSA	GSA assigns a Project Manager (PM) to the WR	5 business days or less				
4	Planning/ Estimate	GSA	GSA PM works with the customer to develop requirements, cost estimates, and a project schedule. GSA creates, approves, and links a RETA SCE/OUE to the WR	N/A				
5	Planning/ Estimate	Customer	Customer fills out remaining required information in eRETA and clicks "Send to GSA"	N/A				
6	Planning/ Estimate	GSA	GSA begins review of customer submission and consideration for RWA Acceptance	15 business days or less				
7	Pending-New	GSA	GSA routes RWA for digital signatures	15 business days or less				
8	Sig-Requested	Customer	Customer digitally signs the RWA	N/A				
9	Sig-Requested	GSA	GSA digitally signs (accepts) the RWA and GSA sends Acceptance Letter to Customer POCs	N/A				
10	Accepted		RWA is accepted and work may begin	N/A				

### **Standard Features**

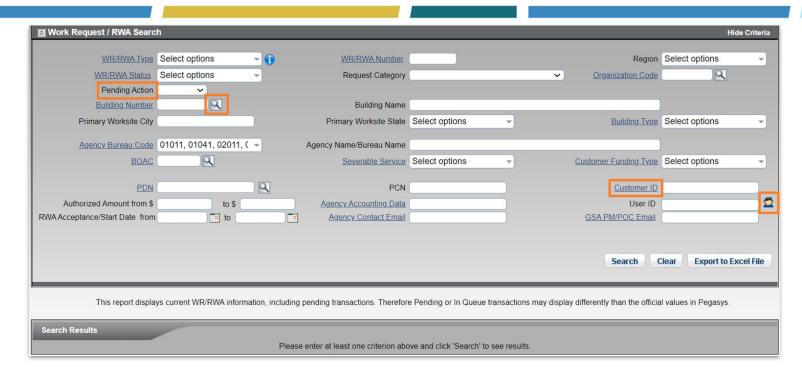
- Blue words are hyperlinks: they open up the Glossary definitions
- A Magnifying Glass helps you do a more detailed item/code search
- \* Red Asterisks mean the field is required
- Searches can be downloaded to Excel by clicking export

Yellow links at the bottom help navigate between different RWA sections

**Export to Excel File** 



### eRETA Search Tips and Tricks

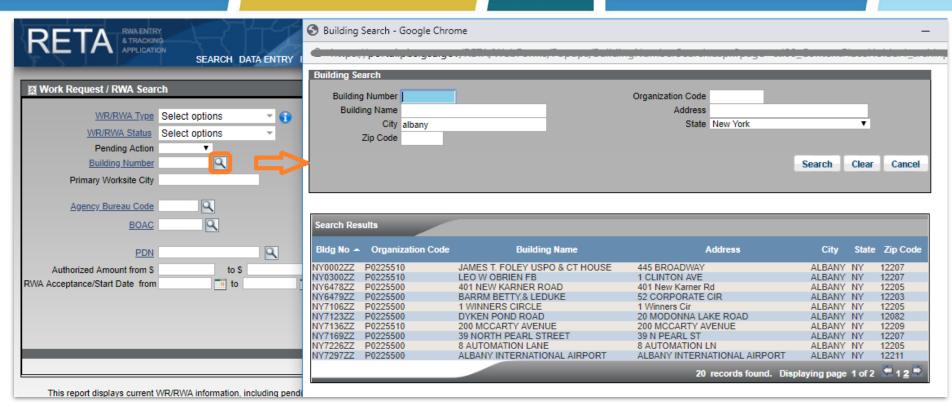


eRETA will search for all records that match ALL criteria entered - less is more when searching.

- "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.)

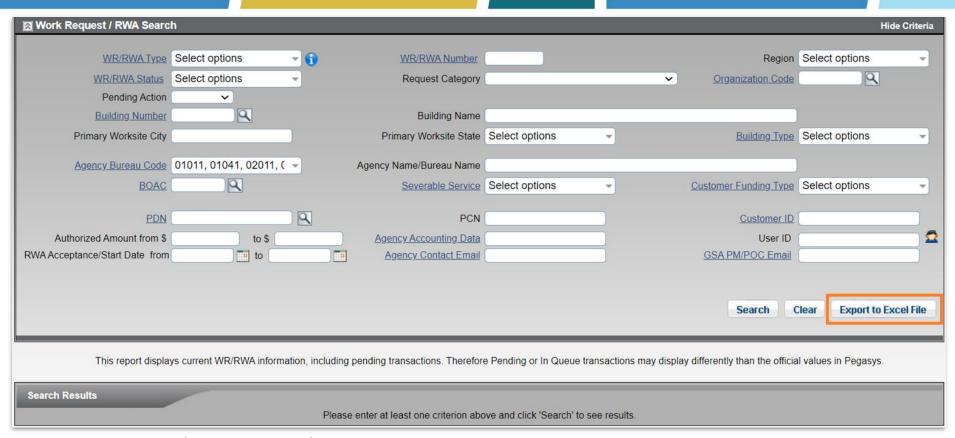


• A Magnifying glass icon opens a drill down search for that field.





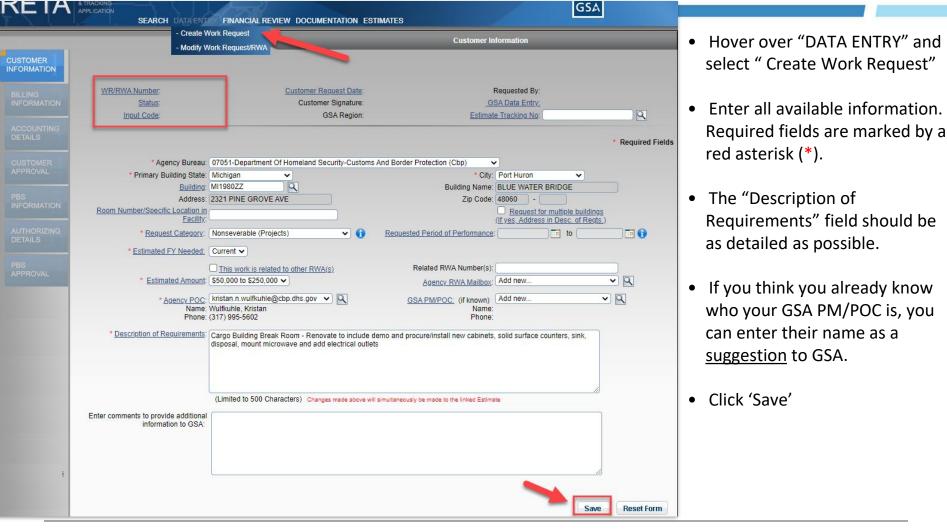
### eRETA Search Export to Excel



Export to Excel to see more data.

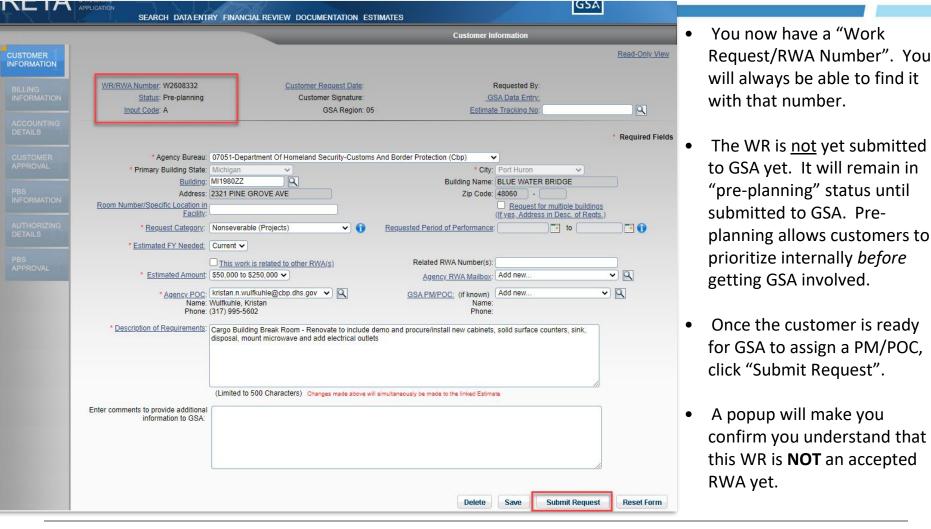


### Creating/Submitting Work Requests (WR)



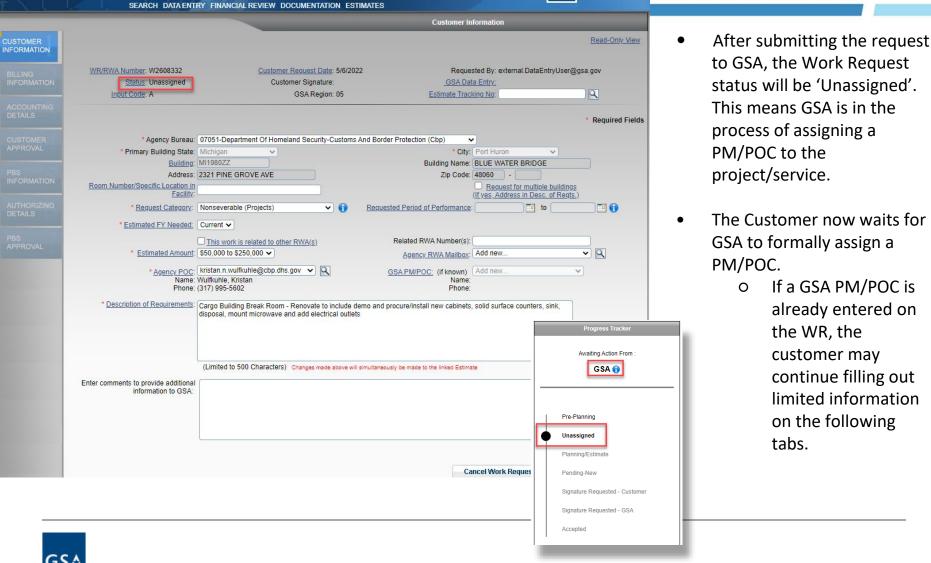


### Creating/Submitting Work Requests (WR) – preplanning status

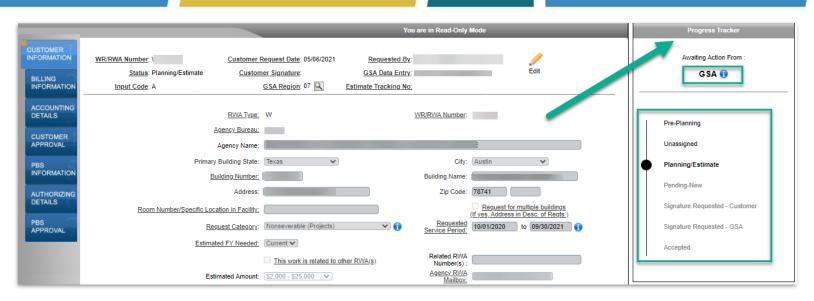




### Creating/Submitting Work Requests (WR) – unassigned status



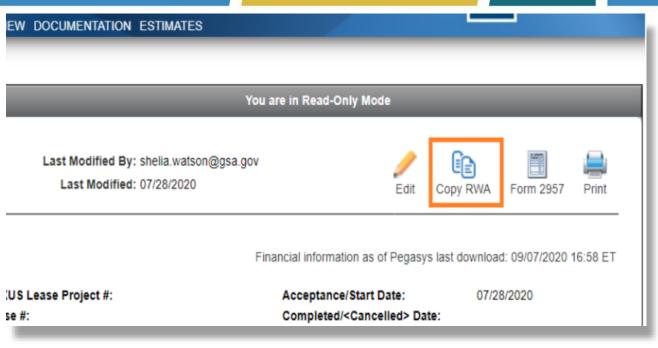
### Work Request/RWA "Progress Tracker"



- 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 new Work Requests up to RWA Acceptance. Subsequent RWA amendments will not show a new set of statuses.



### Creating/Submitting Work Requests (WR) – creating a copy



Is your WR exactly like an RWA that already existed? Make a copy instead!

- Find an existing RWA
- Click "Copy RWA"

This will copy all data from:

- Customer Information page <u>except</u> for the GSA PM/POC, Estimated FY Needed, and Estimated Amount range
- Billing Information page <u>except</u> for the Agency Certified Amount

- It will NOT copy any information from the
  - Accounting Details page
  - Customer Approval page
  - PBS Information page
  - Authorizing Details page
  - PBS Approval page.
- It will also NOT copy a link to the old Estimate or any documents, comments, or audit records.



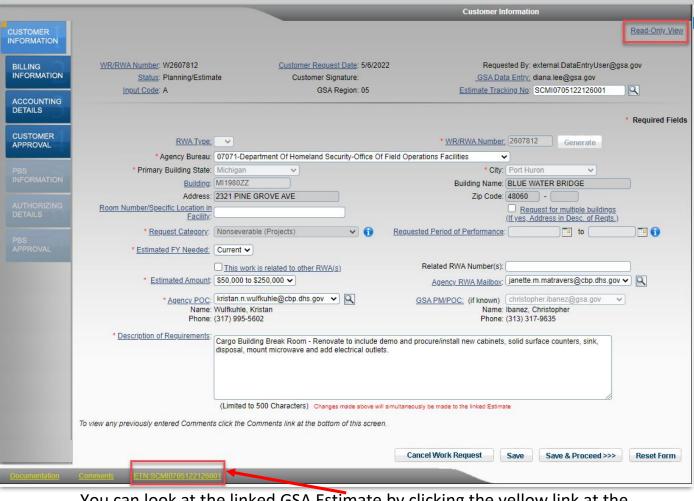
### Audience Poll - Dedicated Funding for WRs

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



### 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)

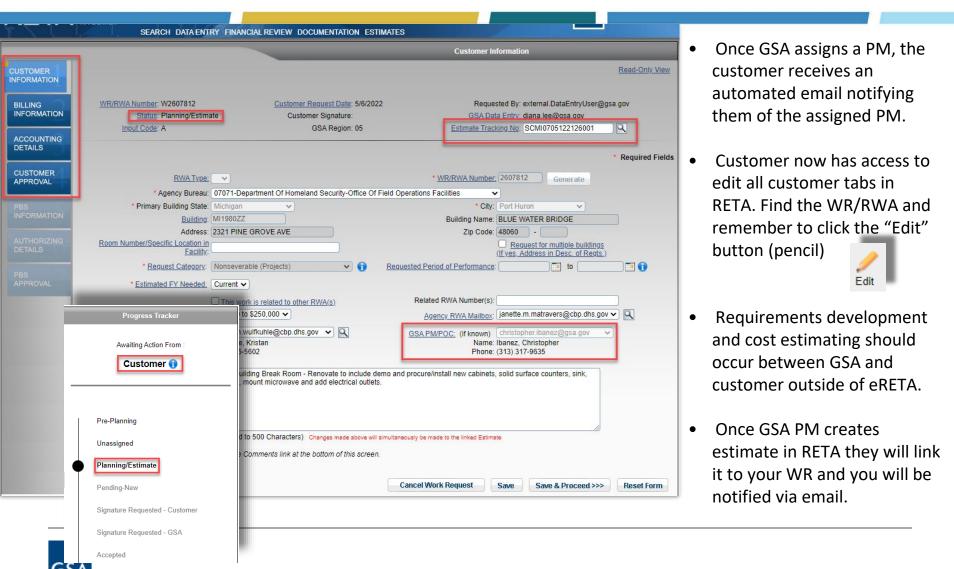


 There are yellow links at the bottom of the screen which take you to the estimate, documents or other related sections of the WR/RWA

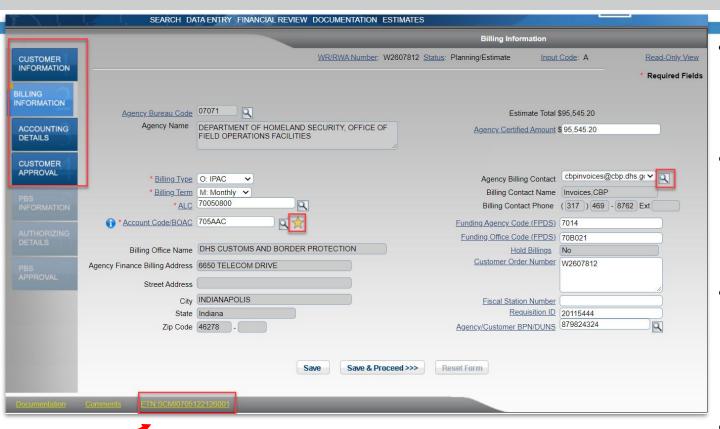
You can look at the linked GSA Estimate by clicking the yellow link at the bottom that starts with "ETN" (Estimate Tracking Number)



### 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/RWA

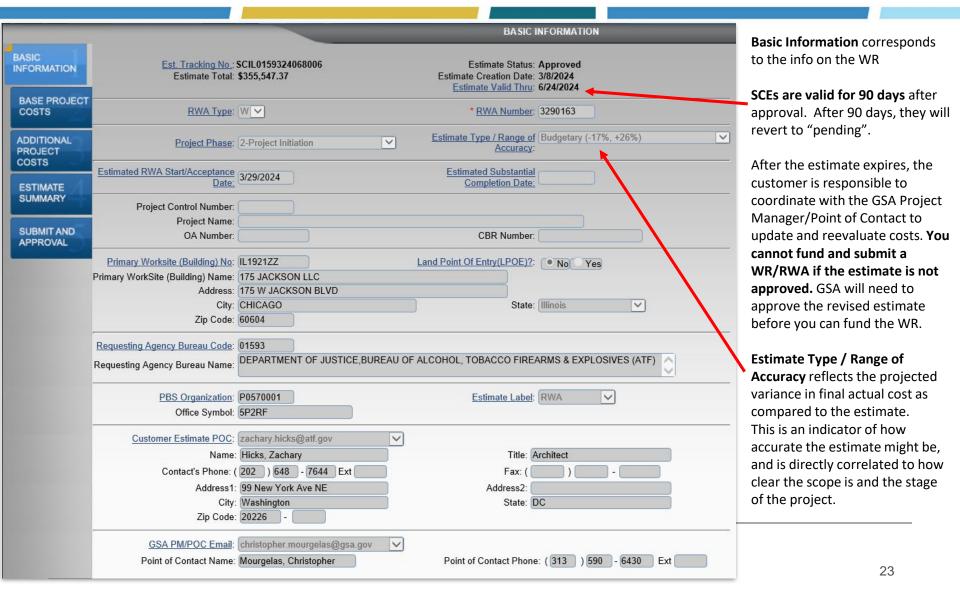
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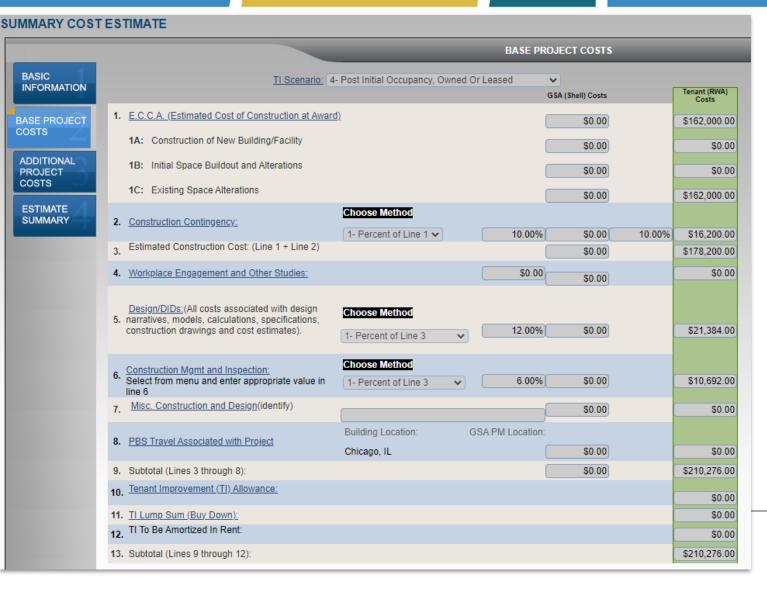
The Magnifying glass icon provides "lookups" to search for information.



### Viewing the Estimate



### Viewing the Estimate – Base Costs and Contingency



Base Project Costs: Includes items which can be covered by the Tenant Improvement (TI) Allowance.

Shell costs paid by GSA are on the left, Tenant costs on the right.

**Construction Contingency:** to cover antecedent liability, or unforeseen conditions, during construction.

Cost is broken down into major categories

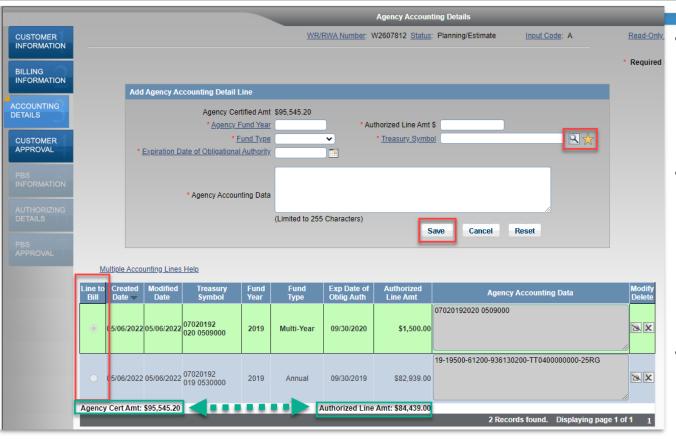
TIP: Hover the cursor over any estimate tab for a quick look.

### Viewing the Estimate – Additional Costs and Fees





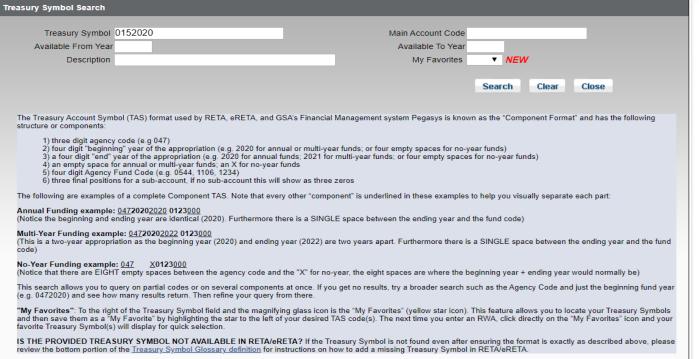
### **Entering RWA Information (Accounting Details)**



- 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"



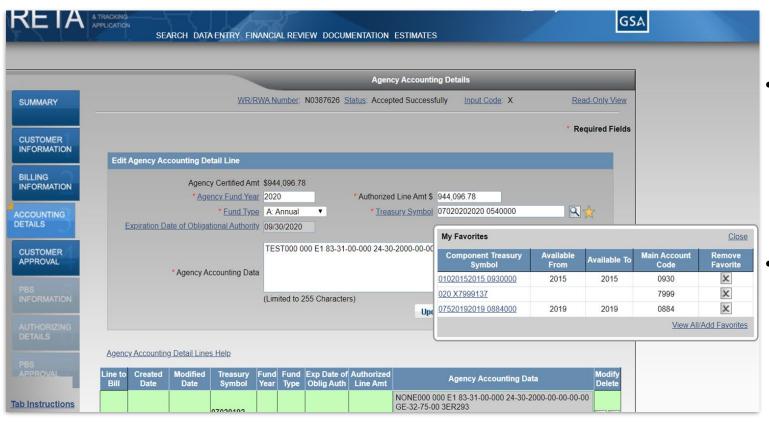
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Lookup symbol for the	
Treasury Account Syr	nbol,
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screen.	

- 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 Results								
Component Treasury Symbol	Two Digit Year Treasury Symbol	Sub-level Prefix	Agency Identifier	Available From Year	Available To Year			Description
01520202020 0327000	15200327		015	2020	2020	0327		INDEPENDENT COUNSEL, JUSTICE
01520202020 0339000	15200339		015	2020	2020	0339		OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, JUSTICE
01520202020 0100000	15200100		015	2020	2020	0100	000	SALARIES AND EXPENSES, FOREIGN CLAIMS
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### Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) and "My Favorites" con't

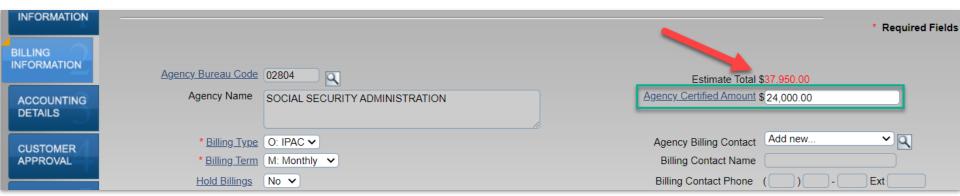


- Highlight the "star" icon to save a favorite TAS.
- Select the star to generate a "quick list" of common TAS symbols that are saved in eRETA for use on future WRs.
- Click the "X" icon to remove a favorite TAS from the list.



### RWA/Estimate Don't Match

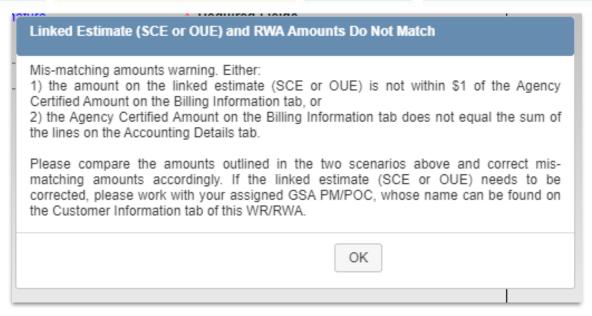
(Error on the Billing Info Page)



- 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.

### RWA/Estimate Don't Match

(Error on the Billing Info Page) - Linked Estimate



- If the "Agency Certified Amount" on the "Billing Information" tab is different than the GSA estimate value, 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



### **GSA Estimate Not Approved**

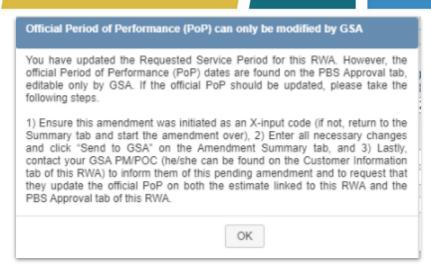
(Error when submitting to GSA) - Estimate Missing/Not Approved

# You cannot fund this WR/RWA and send it to GSA until an approved RETA estimate is linked to the WR/RWA. Please contact your GSA PM/POC and ask them to link and approve the RETA estimate. OK

- Error when the estimate created by GSA is not currently Approved.
- If you see this error, contact your GSA PM/POC. The estimate might need to be updated before GSA can approve it.
- May happen more frequently since GSA implemented the "Estimate Valid Thru" date to summary cost estimates



### Warning Message for Changes to the RWA Period of Performance



- The official Period of Performance (PoP) on a severable 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 is an X-input code amendment (see amendment slides for definition),
  - 2) submit the amendment to GSA
  - o 3) talk to the GSA Project Manager to point out PoP change so the official dates can be changed to match.



### Submitting the RWA to GSA & Signatures

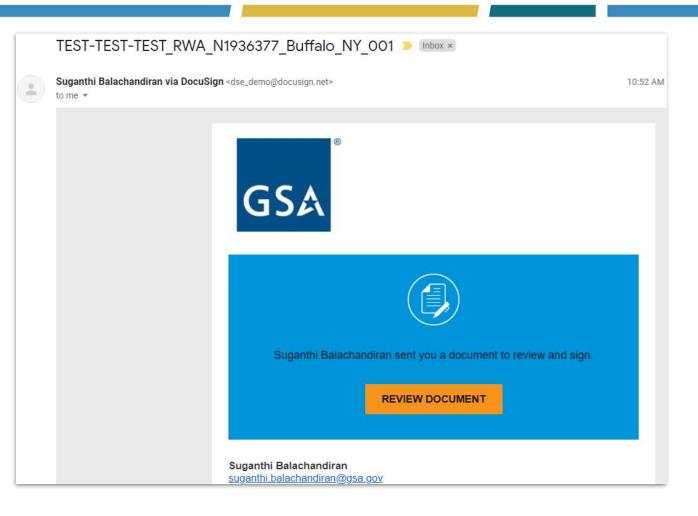


IMPORTANT: Click the "**Send to GSA**" button. GSA cannot review or accept the RWA until that button is clicked.

- 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

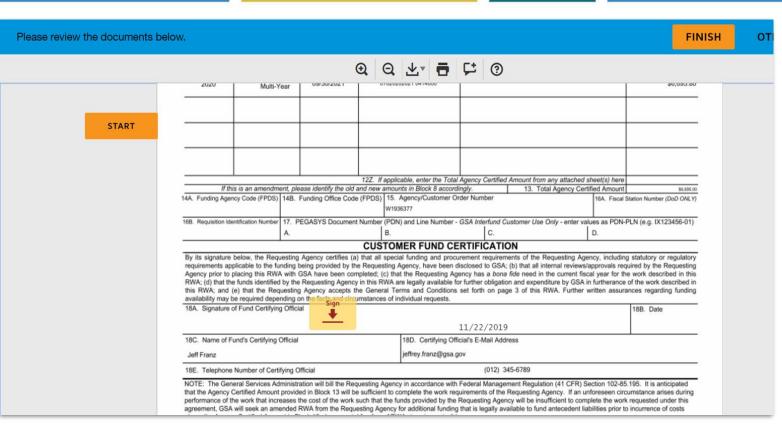


If you digitally sign RWAs, add the following email addresses to your address book so your email does not treat them as spam:

- 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>
- dse@camail.docusign.net
- dse@aumail.docusign.net



### Digitally Signing in DocuSign



- Click the red down arrow to apply the "Digital Signature".
- Push the orange "Finish" button in the top right corner of the screen once you are finished.
- This will automatically send the RWA to GSA for signature.

No data can be changed between signatures. If changes are needed, please "decline to sign" in DocuSign. The RWA will revert to pending status in RETA and can be modified as necessary.



### Audience Poll - RWA Signatures

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

- 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



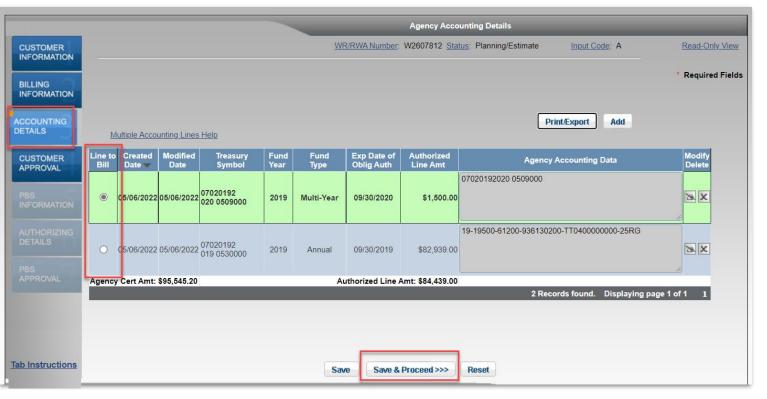
# RWA Amendment Input Codes (cont.)

<u>Field Name</u>	Admin Change (E input)	Billing Change (H-input)	Amount/ Scope Change (X-input)	Agency Unable to Modify (GSA Action)
Customer Information Page				
Agency POC information	<b>V</b>		~	
Description of Requirements			<b>*</b>	
Estimate FY Needed				~
Requested Period of Performance			~	
Work Request for multiple buildings checkbox			~	
Estimated Fiscal Year Needed				V

- The table shown here is just a portion of the <u>full 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"



**Submit to Pegasys** 

Reset Form

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

To change which line is billed:

- 1) create an administrative amendment (E-input code)
- 2) select the line to bill
- 3) "Save and proceed" through the screens
- -4) Click "Submit to Pegasys"
- 5) Done. No signatures.



Save

## X-Input: Updating the RWA Amount

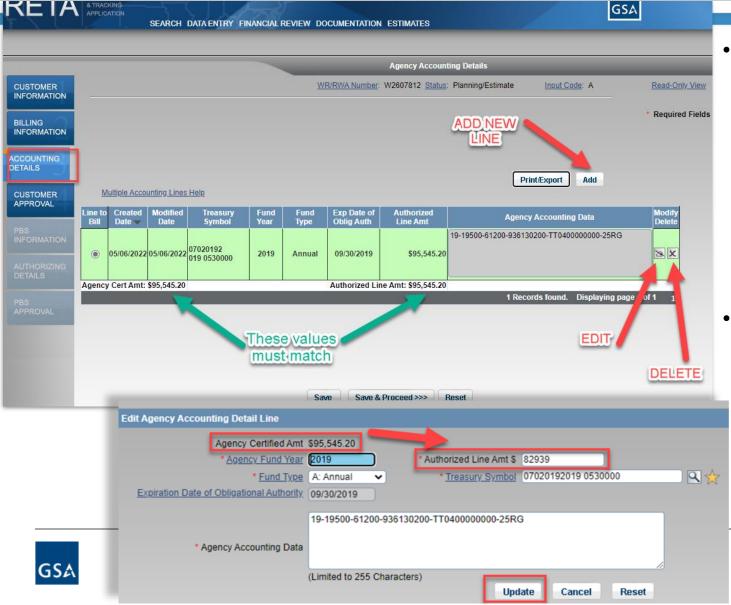


#### Update the RWA value in 2 places:

- 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)



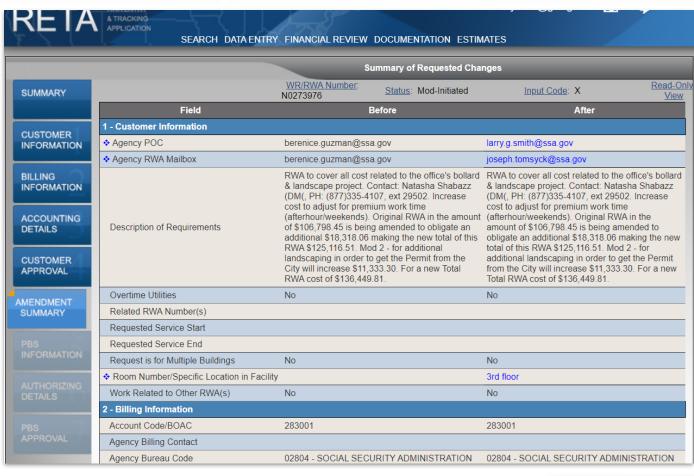
# X-Input: Updating the RWA Amount – Accounting Details



 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"

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.
- 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.





## Project Pulse Survey - Project POCs Please Participate!

- A quick and easy way for customers to provide RWA project feedback
- Used to improve GSA performance and identify future CES topics
- Sent at key points during the RWA lifecycle (depending on \$)
- RWA Project Customer POCs are asked to
  - rate your Overall Satisfaction
  - weigh in on specific project attributes
  - offer comments about your GSA project experience

**See our PBS Fact Sheet - Project Pulse Survey** 

Survey sender email - projectpulsesurveys@research.gsa.gov

Subject line - How did GSA do?...







#### **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 / Policy 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





# Thank you for joining us today for eRETA Digest

Training materials, including PDF User Guides and video recordings of previous training demonstrations, are available at:

www.gsa.gov/ereta



## Audience Poll - Using eRETA

As a result of today's session, how much more comfortable are you using eRETA?

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

Is there something about eRETA you wish we covered more? Leave us a comment in the chat!





#### **Upcoming Client Enrichment Series Sessions**

**RWA Policy and Process Fundamentals (encore!)** 

Tuesday, June 4th 2pm-4pm EDT Register Today!

**PBS Customer Dashboard - Reporting Made Easy!** 

Thursday, July 11th 1pm-2pm EDT

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