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   NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION   ("Applicant") wishes to acquire credentials for use of TCVS. As part of its efforts to reduce check fraud and other improper payments, Fiscal Service will grant Applicant a "key" to access the TCVS API, subject to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. Applicant shall access TCVS and submit Treasury check data to Fiscal Service for use in TCVS only for use in conjunction with Applicant's acceptance of Treasury checks for negotiation in the ordinary course of business as an FI.

2. Applicant will use the Treasury "check validation information" received from Fiscal Service via TCVS only to obtain information regarding the validity of Treasury checks that have been presented to Applicant. For purposes of this document, "check validation information" is one of the following responses from Fiscal Service with respect to an inquiry based on a Treasury check symbol and dollar amount:

   a. The U.S. Treasury Check was issued for the amount entered.
   b. The U.S. Treasury Check has already been paid.
   c. The amount entered does not match Fiscal Service records.
   d. No match.

3. Applicant acknowledges the following: That TCVS is a tool designed to provide information to assist the Applicant in making a decision regarding the validity of a Treasury check, and that the determination on whether to negotiate a Treasury check remains the responsibility of the Applicant; that while Fiscal Service will make reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of the data available in TCVS, information may not be timely since it is updated once a day (not in real time); and, that Fiscal Service does not warrant the data or accept any liability for any inaccuracies in that data.

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4. Applicant will not use the credentials provided by Fiscal Service except as provided for in these Terms and Conditions. Applicant acknowledges that its rights to the credentials are not assignable.

5. Applicant will provide notice to Fiscal Service of any suspected or actual violation of any of these terms and conditions promptly of being made aware of such violation. Applicant will fully cooperate with Fiscal Service in the investigation, review, or remediation of any such violation.

6. Fiscal Service may revoke Applicant's TCVS credentials, key and/or access to TCVS at any time, immediately upon notification to Applicant. Notification by Fiscal Service will be made in writing, by email, to the signatory listed below, or his/her successor.

7. Applicant may relinquish its "key" and/or otherwise forfeit its access to TCVS at any time, immediately upon notification to Fiscal Service. Notification by the Applicant shall be made to Fiscal Service in writing, by email, to the following email address: paymentintegrity@fiscal.treasury.gov.

I affirm that I am an authorized signatory for the Applicant, and I agree to the above Terms and Conditions for acquiring and maintaining a key for using the TCVS API.

Signature (Ink or Digital)   *Receipt Acknowledged By*
                                                                Bureau of the Fiscal Service

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Name   Date   Name   Date
Title   Title

Name of Financial Institution
Address:
Phone:
Email address:

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2. Applicant will use the Treasury "check validation information" received from Fiscal Service via TCVS only to provide information to the End User which requested Applicant to submit the information into TCVS in its capacity as the End User's contractor or representative. For purposes of this document, "check validation information" is one of the following responses from Fiscal Service with respect to an inquiry based on a Treasury check symbol and dollar amount:

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3. Applicant will not store the check validation information received from Fiscal Service via TCVS beyond the period necessary to provide the information to the End User with which Applicant has contracted or which Applicant represents. Upon delivery of check validation information to the requesting End User, Applicant will delete or otherwise destroy its copy of the data received from TCVS. Applicant may, however, store a record or log of the inquiry for audit, recordkeeping and service performance purposes.

4. Applicant acknowledges, and agrees that it will inform all End Users with which it has contracted or which Applicant represents for purposes of accessing and receiving check validation information from TCVS, of the following: That TCVS is a tool designed to

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5. Applicant further agrees that it will acquire and retain confirmation from each End User for which it accesses TCVS and receives check validation information, that Applicant has conveyed the information in paragraph 4 to the End User and that the End User understands and agrees with that information, prior to the use of TCVS by Applicant on behalf of the End User.

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