

Business Payments Coalition Work Groups Call to Action

Have an impact. Make a difference. Join the efforts to make the end-to-end B2B payments process more efficient!

How? By joining the BPC and participating in one or more of several new workgroups. Email business.payments.smb@mpls.frb.org or complete this [form](#) to join a work group.



e-Invoicing work group

Get involved to help eliminate paper invoices and promote procure-to-pay automation. The e-Invoicing work group will kick off a new project to identify, design and adopt an electronic invoice interoperability framework for the U.S. market, building on the prior effort of the [Catalog of Electronic Invoicing Technical Standards](#), which was published in October 2017.

Timeframe: Kicks off in November 2017

Facilitator: Todd Albers

B2B Remittance project

Get involved to help eliminate manual cash application of electronic payments. The remittance project will develop industry standards for payment-method-agnostic remittance advices to achieve straight-through-processing of payments, from initiation to application. The scope includes data, message format and delivery.

Timeframe: Kicks off early 2018

Facilitator: Patti Ritter

Card-based Remittance Requirements work group

Get involved to help automate the remittance data needed to apply card payments. The Card-based Remittance work group will:

1. Identify the business requirements for exchanging structured remittance messages between buyers and suppliers for card payments
2. Determine the capabilities of the current card system to deliver remittance information

This effort will engage all parties in the card payment process to enable automated delivery of remittance information.

Timeframe: October 2017 – January 2018

Facilitator: Todd Albers

Simple Remittance Requirements work group

Get involved to help small to medium size businesses (SMBs) convert from checks to electronic payments. The Simple Remittance work group will define data needs for simple remittances that can be easily adopted by SMBs. It will identify three or four levels of remittance information based on needs of SMBs, starting with the minimal, viable set of data needed for payment application and reconciliation.

Timeframe: October – December 2017

Facilitator: Patti Ritter

SMB Accounting Software APIs work group

Get involved to help SMBs convert from checks to electronic payments. The SMB Accounting Software APIs work group will gather, compile and publish a list of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) that can be used with SMB accounting software to automate electronic payment initiation. The work group will also compile a list of banks and payment providers that integrate payment initiation APIs.

Timeframe: November 2017 – January 2018
Facilitator: Patti Ritter

ISO® 20022 Capabilities work group

Get involved to help promote the choices that US businesses have to implement ISO 20022. The ISO 20022 Capabilities work group will develop an online registry of US banks and service providers that have ISO 20022 capabilities. The registry will be a resource to end users and will publicize the availability of ISO 20022 for payment and cash management operations.

Timeframe: Early 2018
Facilitator: Patti Ritter

ISO 20022 Education work group

Get involved to help with industry education on general and specific ISO 20022 topics. The ISO 20022 Education work group will develop ISO 20022 educational webinars and companion materials. It will establish a speakers bureau and curriculum for a variety of ISO 20022 topics. The group will enlist industry groups such as X9, IFX, NACHA® and SWIFT® for content and speakers.

Timeframe: Early 2018
Facilitator: Patti Ritter

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Business Payments Coalition

The Coalition's overarching goal is to make B2B electronic payments more efficient across the end-to-end process, that is, to achieve straight-through-processing across both the procure-to-pay and order-to-cash cycles. The Coalition accomplishes this objective by addressing problems and barriers that make it difficult for businesses to use electronic alternatives to paper checks and remittance advices. Membership is free. Join at <https://information.frbcommunications.org/JoinBPC>

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