

Incorporating Program Activity Codes into GTAS ATB Reporting (Update)

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What are the reasons behind incorporating Program Activity into GTAS reporting?

The primary reason for reporting Program Activity as part of the GTAS ATB is to centralize budgetary reporting in a single system.

Agencies should not need to submit data in the budgetary ledger to both GTAS and USA Spending – USA Spending data can be derived from agencies' GTAS submissions.

With BOC now a part of the GTAS bulk file, Program Activity is the only File "B" data element in USA Spending that is not captured in GTAS.

It is possible that OMB could use Program Activity from GTAS data to populate the Prior Year column of the Program and Financing Schedule of the Budget – but this is a secondary consideration for this project.

Requests for Exceptions for PARK - USA Spending

New Activity (For Timing or Policy Changes) New PAs are only generated at the time that the annual President's Budget is published. However, appropriations can be passed at any time, and budget execution reporting happens monthly.

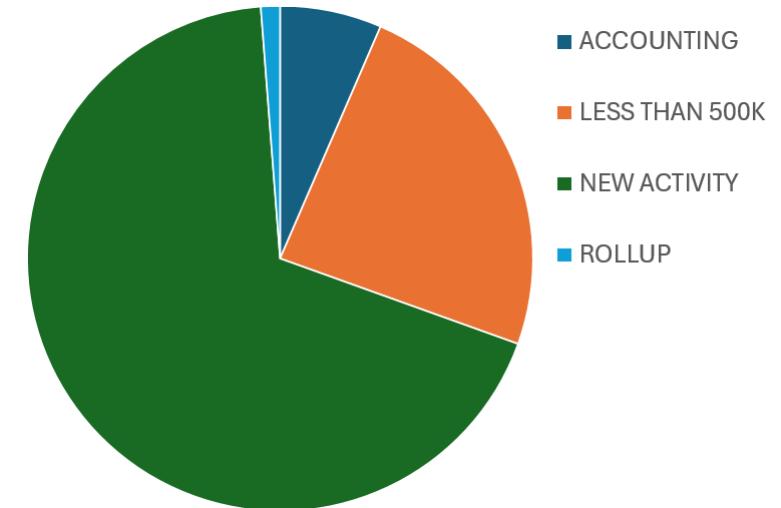
Activities less than \$500k (Rounding Threshold Exceptions) All amounts related to PA in the Appendix are reported in millions of dollars. Therefore, any PA that has reportable activity of less than \$500k should receive an exception.

Roll-up Exceptions There are cases where multiple PAs in the Appendix cannot be reported separately, and need to be combined (rolled up) for USA Spending reporting.

Financial System Exceptions There are cases where, because of financial systems issues, there is misalignment between files A, B, and C.

246 Total Provisional PARKs

25 Agencies



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Agency experience submitting PARK in USAspending

The window for USAspending broker submissions for FY26 periods 01 and 02 is this Friday, January 16th.

What have we learned from the agency USAspending and the PARK process?

34 Agencies (out of 109) have submitted their data to USAspending using the PARK.

None of them are CFO Act agencies.

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GTAS Changes

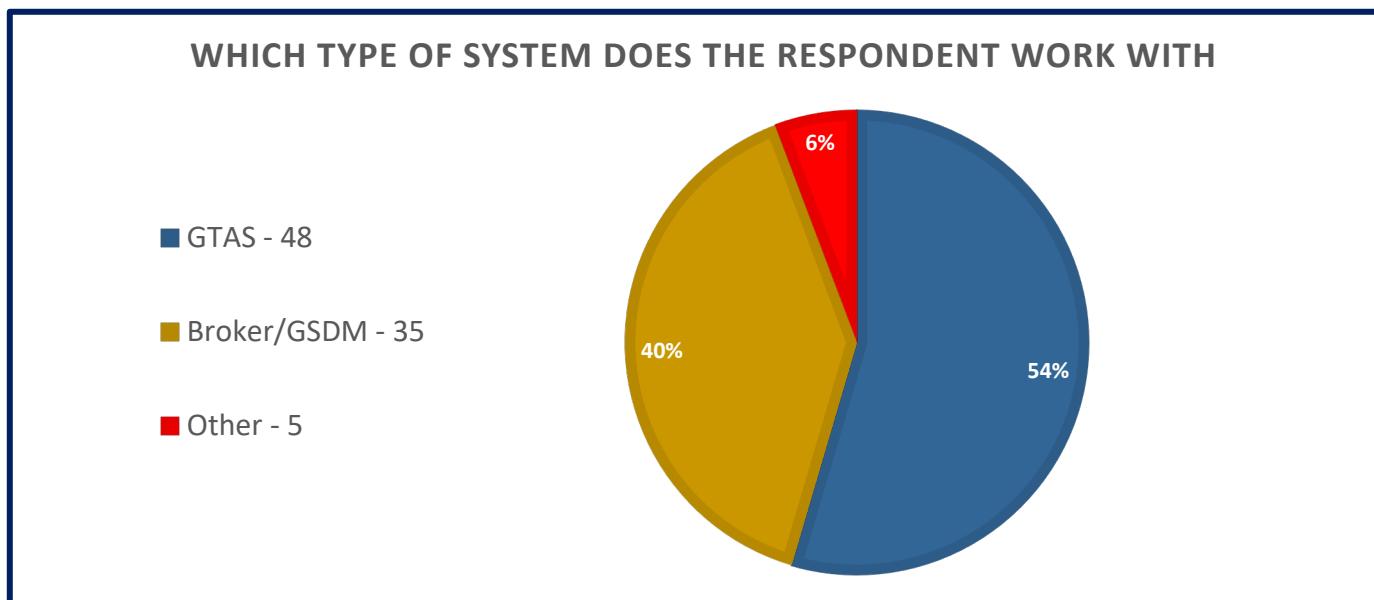
- Bulk File Format “D”
 - Format “B” and Format “C” (with Bureau Code) both currently allowable
 - 15 characters for PARK
 - 5 characters for Bureau Code
 - 1 character for future use
- OMB File Interface
 - PARK module
 - Programmatic Validation
- Timeline –
 - Fiscal Service has updated GTAS systems to allow for this change – but the program activity functionality is not yet operational/required
 - Further discussions at OMB and Fiscal Service will look at the survey results as part of their decision-making process
 - It is expected that adoption, if it occurs, would be patterned on the incorporation of Budget Object Class into GTAS reporting

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Survey Results

Thank you to all the folks who responded!

- 61 Responses
- Mostly GTAS Users
- Some crossover between GTAS and USAspending

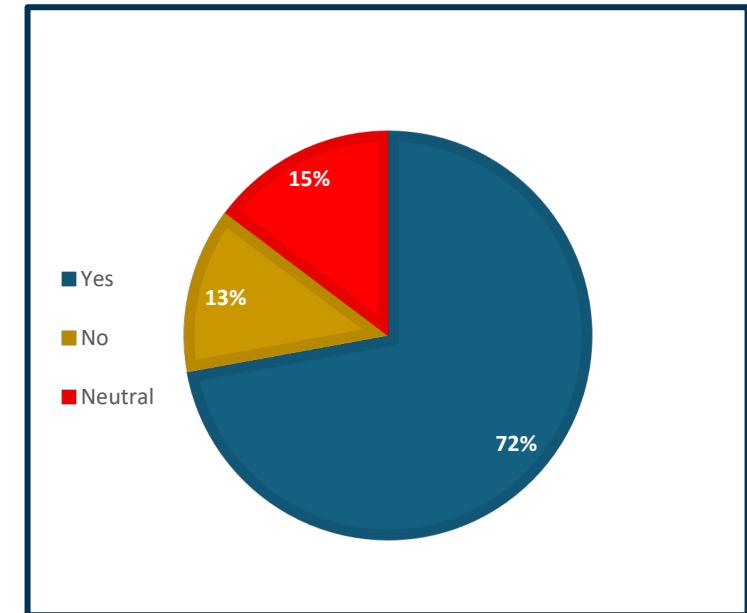


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Survey Results

72% of agency responses indicated that Agencies want to move towards a single submission for data contained in Files A and B in USA Spending.

- This includes all the existing GTAS attributes
- This would include Program Activity (PARK) in GTAS
- Agencies would still report award-level data to USA Spending as they do now

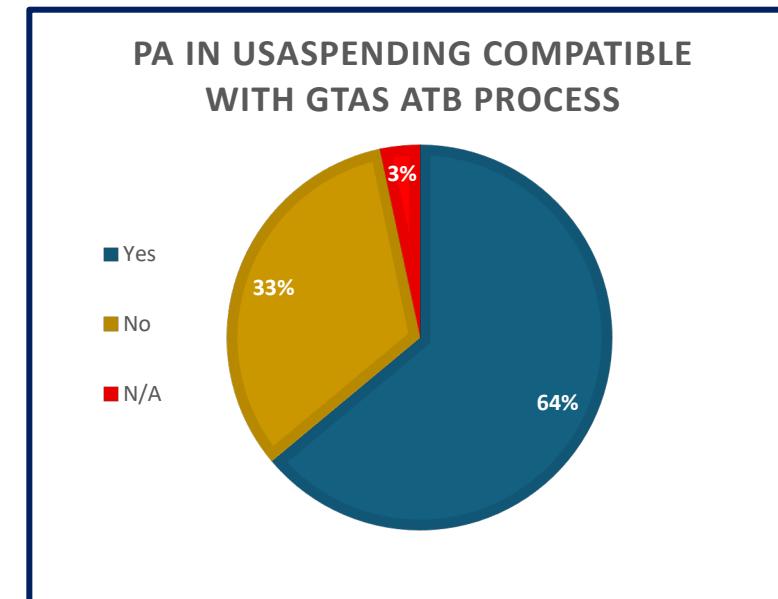


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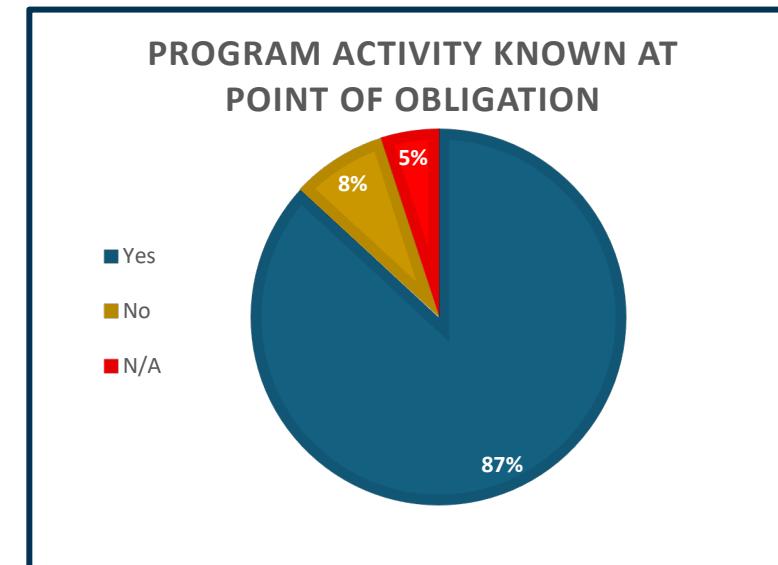
64% of agency responses indicated that **the way program activity is reported in USA Spending is compatible with their GTAS ATB process**

- This means there is a gap that needs to be addressed
- Could result in more time needed for implementation



87% of agency responses indicated that **program activity is known at the point of obligation**

- This is promising – it is likely that agencies have the data they need to report PA to GTAS
- Agencies that do not have this data reported that it may be difficult to obtain



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Thank you all for your time