Business Process for Intra/Inter Departmental Transfers (IDT's)

Purpose:

An IDT is an auditable general ledger journal transaction that enables authorized users to transfer qualified revenues or expenditures from one cost center to another. This procedure is designed to facilitate uniform completion and processing of Intra/Inter Departmental Transfers.

An IDT CANNOT be used:

- To transfer budget (contact Budget and Resource Planning at ext. 2663)
- To transfer fund balances (contact Accounting and Financial Reporting at ext. 2352)
- To transfer salaries, benefits, wage or related encumbrances (contact Budget and Resource Planning at ext. 2663)
- To transfer non-wage related encumbrances (contact Procurement at ext. 2300)
- To transfer gift revenue (contact Development and Alumni Relations at ext. 2295)
- To transfer balance sheet related items (contact Accounting and Financial Reporting at ext. 2352)
- To transfer prior year’s revenues or expenditures (contact Accounting and Financial Reporting at ext. 2352)

An IDT should NOT be used for repetitive activities such as Service Center billing. Service Center billing should be completed through spreadsheet journal entries. For more information regarding spreadsheet journal entries, contact Accounting and Financial Reporting at ext. 2352.

Procedure:

Long Description: This section is used to explain the reason for an IDT. Enough detail of the transaction must be provided in the description so that someone not in either the charged or credited departments will be able to understand the transaction without calling for an explanation.

Documentation: When transferring revenues or expenditures from one cost center to another, documentation such as copies of monthly reports or transaction details are required attachments. Other acceptable forms of documentation, such as emails, memos or invoices may also be attached to the IDT. Highlight the revenue and/or expenditure transaction on the attached documentation. If partial amounts are being transferred, write those amounts on the attachment.

Available Budget: Be sure there is sufficient budget in the cost center and budgetary account receiving the transfer.
Account Number: Be sure to use the correct revenue or expenditure account from the Account Listing. When transferring existing revenues or expenditures, use the same account recorded in the original transaction.

Budgetary Account Number: These accounts can only be used for correcting a previous transaction recorded incorrectly.

Approvals: All IDT’s require the cost center manager’s approval. If your department is being charged, the cost center manager should review and approve the debit line(s). If your department is being credited, the cost center manager should review and approve the credit line(s).

Exceptions:

1. Contracts and Grants:
   - Make sure that expenditures transferred to a grant are allowable, incurred in support of the work covered and funded by the grant during the performance period.
   - Do not move expenditures from one grant to another for the sole purpose of correcting an overrun.
   - Do not move departmental expenditures to contracts or grants. The department should absorb these expenditures.
   - An erroneous transaction must be corrected within 45 days for most Sponsored Programs. Corrections made after 45 days have passed may be disallowed and may not be recoverable from the sponsor(s). If corrections are needed after 45 days past the end date, contact Office of Post Award Management at ext. 4570.

2. Gifts and Endowments:
   - Revenues and expenditures recorded to Gift cost centers are restricted for a specific purpose and/or a specific department or school.
   - All transactions processed by IDT must be in compliance with the donor’s intent and restrictions as stipulated in the Gift or Endowment Agreement.
   - If you have questions regarding the terms of the Agreement, contact Development and Alumni Relations at ext. 2295.

3. State Funds:
   - Make sure that expenditures transferred to a State funded cost centers are allowable, and incurred in current fiscal year.
   - Do not move expenditures from one State funded cost center to another for the sole purpose of correcting an overrun.
   - Deadline for IDT’s on State funded cost centers are generally set for mid-August.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, contact Accounting and Financial Reporting at ext. 2352 or via email at IDT@utdallas.edu.