

BSA E-Filing Transition to Adobe Forms

Effective June 27, 2009, BSA E-Filing transitioned to the use of Adobe forms. BSA E-Filing forms available for download from the BSA E-Filing Web site will now be Adobe electronic forms. Benefits of using Adobe forms include improved form usability and enhanced validation. IBM PureEdge forms will no longer be available for download. The BSA E-Filing system will continue to accept and process PureEdge versions of the BSA E-Filing forms through December 31, 2009. This period will allow current filers an opportunity to become familiar with and transition to the new Adobe forms.

Please note that BSA E-Filing users will require use of Adobe Reader to read secure messages provided by BSA E-Filing beginning. A Transition Questions and Answers document is available on the BSA E-Filing Web site with information about how to download the compatible versions of Adobe Reader prior to the release.

The transition will impact some users more than others:

- Filers who submit a single form (discrete filers) will need to transition from PureEdge electronic forms and begin using Adobe-based electronic forms. Discrete filers who use templates (forms that have been pre-populated with selected data) will need to create new templates using the Adobe forms.
- Filers who submit multiple forms (batch filers) via the Web browser will see a new cover or "header" page.
- There will be no impact to batch filers that use Connect:Direct to submit their BSA data (Secure Direct Transfer Mode Filers).

Please direct questions about the Adobe transition to the BSA E-Filing System Help Desk at 1-888-827-2778 (option 6) or via E-mail at BSAEFilingHelp@notes.tcs.treas.gov. The Help Desk is available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET. The BSA E-Filing homepage is located at <http://bsaefiling.fincen.treas.gov>

[UPDATE: As of July 31, 2010, the toll free number for the BSA E-Filing Service Desk is 1-866-346-9478 (Option 1). The email address is now BSAEFilingHelp@fincen.gov.]