

costs. (Currently, we project operating costs will continue at this rate).

- We have fully recovered all prior year costs incurred during FY 2020 and earlier.

- We are on track in FY 2025, assuming current usage and fee collection continues, to fully recover costs incurred during FY 2021.

- While our break-even is scheduled for FY 2027, our current fee structure

could see significant surplus funds in that year, without changes to the fees.

Based on this information, specifically the last bullet above, and being mindful of our eCBSV customers, we evaluated opportunities to reduce fees across all tiers in a manner that provides some cost relief, maintains our current projected break-even timeline of FY 2027, and continues the collection of

prior year costs in a reasonably timely manner.

Our long-term goal, once we break-even, is to only collect fees to cover our ongoing operating costs. Rather than postponing cost relief until that point, we evaluated the relevant information and determined that we could provide a fee reduction now, while staying on target for our cost recovery goals.

#### REVISED eCBSV TIER FEE SCHEDULE

| Tier | Annual volume threshold                    | Annual fee |
|------|--|------------|
| 1    | Up to 10,000 (1–10,000)                    | \$6,650    |
| 2    | Up to 75,000 (10,001–75,000)               | 49,500     |
| 3    | Up to 200,000 (75,001–200,000)             | 125,000    |
| 4    | Up to 500,000 (200,001–500,000)            | 308,750    |
| 5    | Up to 1 million (500,001–1 million)        | 610,000    |
| 6    | Up to 2.5 million (1,000,001–2.5 million)  | 1,210,000  |
| 7    | Up to 5 million (2,500,001–5 million)      | 2,350,000  |
| 8    | Up to 10 million (5,000,001–10 million)    | 4,275,000  |
| 9    | Up to 15 million (10,000,001–15 million)   | 4,750,000  |
| 10   | Up to 20 million (15,000,001–20 million)   | 5,937,500  |
| 11   | Up to 25 million (20,000,001–25 million)   | 6,887,500  |
| 12   | Up to 200 million (25,000,001–200 million) | 7,837,500  |

Each enrolled PE will be required to remit the above tier-based subscription fee for the 365-day agreement period starting on or after February 3, 2025.

Our eCBSV fees are designed to recover prior year costs timely as we look to break-even, while ensuring that we can cover ongoing operating costs. Agency costs and future year cost estimates are based on actual and forecasted systems and operational expenses, agency oversight, overhead, and certified public accountant audit contract costs. Section 215(h)(1)(B) of the Banking Bill (42 U.S.C. 405b(h)) requires that the Commissioner shall “periodically adjust” the price paid by users to ensure that amounts collected are sufficient to fully offset the costs of administering the eCBSV system. On at least an annual basis, SSA will monitor costs incurred to provide eCBSV services and will revise the tier fee schedule accordingly. We notify PEs of the tier fee schedule in effect at the renewal of eCBSV user agreements, when a PE begins a new 365-day agreement period, and via notice in the **Federal Register**. PE renewals are governed by the tier fee schedule in effect at the time of renewal.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 570]

#### Delegation of Authority—Authorities of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

**ACTION:** Delegation of Authority.

**SUMMARY:** The State Department is publishing a Delegation of Authority signed by the Secretary of State on January 10, 2025.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State, signed the following “Delegation of Authority—Authorities of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs” on January 10, 2025. The State Department maintains the original document.

(Begin text.)

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including section 1(a)(4) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2651a(a)(4)), I hereby delegate to Scott Weinhold, to the extent authorized by law, all authorities vested in or delegated to the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs by any act, order, determination, delegation of authority, regulation, or executive order, now or hereafter issued.

The Secretary, either Deputy Secretary, and the Under Secretary for Management may exercise any function or authority delegated herein. This delegation of authority does not modify

any other delegation of authority currently in effect.

This delegation will take effect on January 17, 2025, and will expire, unless sooner revoked, upon the entry upon duty of a confirmed or designated Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs or Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

(End text.)

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 569]

#### Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Political Military Affairs

**ACTION:** Delegation of Authority.

**SUMMARY:** The State Department is publishing a Delegation of Authority signed by the Secretary of State on December 19, 2024. .

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State, signed the following “Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs to Provide Concurrence under 10 U.S.C. 335” on December 19, 2024. The State Department maintains the original document.