

VII. General Assembly of ACSDA

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS UPDATES: AGC DIGP

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AGC Overview

- Association of Global Custodians (AGC)
 - Founded in 1997
 - Members: 9 North American Banks
 - The Bank of New York, Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., Citibank, N.A., Investors Bank & Trust Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mellon Financial, The Northern Trust Company, RBC Global Services, State Street Bank and Trust Company
 - Non-competitive forum to address legal, regulatory, and policy issues in which global custodians have common interests.

DIGP Overview

- Depository Information Gathering Project (DIGP)
 - Response to Investment Company Act Rule 17f-7 as issued by the U.S. SEC.
 - The AGC conducts its annual exercise, DIGP, to gather information necessary to meet its compliance objections under Rule 17f-7.
 - Member banks must provide their mutual fund clients an analysis of the custody risks associated with csds.

DIGP Process

- Implemented in 2000, now entering its 6th year.
- Launch Letters sent by Baker & McKenzie LLP in August/September of current year.
- Overview of project given, ID and password assigned.
- Minimum 2 months given to complete online survey.
- Online survey contains previous year's responses, allows for ease of completion for current year.

DIGP – 2004 Project Recap

- In 2004, Launch Letters were sent to 131 csds worldwide.
- 119 csds participated in project, our highest participation rate to date.
- “Blue Book” reports distributed in February 2005 to all 131 csds. This report explains the annual DIGP, as well as lists participating depositories.

DIGP – 2005 Project

- Why csds should participate:
 - One consolidated effort from AGC member banks. No multiple surveys.
 - Without a completed survey, a comprehensive custody analysis cannot be formed, which may influence a client's decision to invest in a market and utilize a particular csd.
 - Secure, web-based electronic survey.
 - Assistance with language, technology, and content queries is always available.

AGC & DIGP Contact Information

- The AGC website is www.theagc.com
- Secretariat and Counsel, Baker & McKenzie LLP.
- The current chair, chair-elect, and all past chairs are also listed on the website.

**Thank you for your continued participation
in our annual project!**