

To: Information Requirements Subcommittee Chairs
From: Technical Subcommittee Chairs
Subject: Recommendations Regarding R96007/R96008
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During the processing of requests R96007 and R96008, the Technical Subcommittee developed the following recommendations to send back to IR:

1. In the Request for Information and the Response to Request for Information, the data element "Request ID" should be mandatory.
2. In the Response to Request for Information, the following data elements should be deleted: "Allocation Transaction Type Code", "Data Sets Requested", "Information Requested Begin Date", "Information Requested End Date", "Statement Recipient ID", and "Service Requester".
3. In the Request for Information and the Response to Request for Information, change the name of "Requester Company Code" to "Requester" to be in line with the way other "entity" data elements are named.

The rationale for the above recommendation is as follows: If the Request ID is required in the Request for Information and the Response to Request for Information, then what is required in the Response is simply the echoed Request ID, and additionally, the Parties involved in the Request/Response (Transportation Service Provider and Requester), the date the request was processed (Data Process Date/Data Process Time), and whether the requested data is available (Data Availability Code). All other information is unnecessary. Furthermore, if the Request ID is not mandatory in both documents, then IR's proposed data dictionary for the Response does not contain enough information to uniquely identify the Request.