

NMTA Bulletin -- Volume 2 -- August 27, 2004



Dear Members,

Last edition did not get through to some people because of their Junk filters. I have eliminated hypertext, but that may not be enough. If this is happening to you, you can help from your end. In Outlook, go to 'Tools,' then 'Options,' then 'Junk Email,' and make my address (d.landsman4@verizon.net) a 'Safe Sender.'

With this edition, I have paid close attention to the mailing list. In the "To" box, you may see the email addresses of all who are receiving the bulletin. This is in the hope of fostering communication among the members. If you prefer that your name not appear in the open, please just let me know and I will make it a 'blind' cc. And please accept my apologies.

The NMTA Bulletin is a benefit of membership, but also a way for others to get acquainted with the Association. Please feel free to pass it along (temporarily) to anyone you think might be interested in joining.

I have received some gratifying responses on my request for dues to be paid, but far too many members have not yet taken care of the matter. In the spirit of inclusion, I have deliberately kept some folks on the mailing list I was given, even though they have not paid their dues, until we get a chance to speak. As I go through the dues records, I will personally contact anyone who has not paid their dues, to see what the problem may be.

Speaking of which, I ask all members to keep me informed of any change in contact information (address, phone, etc.) The person who should do this is your company's NMTA rep. This should be one person from each organization, designated as the official NMTA representative. This person is the primary contact, and the person who is entitled to vote in NMTA elections. And the person in charge of sending me the dues. <g>

In the future, some mailings on Association business may be sent only to those reps. But there is no limit on the number of colleagues in your organization who may receive the Bulletin upon request; please just let me know to whom you would like it sent.

This marks the end of my second week in the job, and I appreciate your patience as I go about putting things together. For the first few months, some extra time will be needed for setting up the administrative details. I am rushing these as fast as I can. But soon I will start implementing some positive changes, that I hope will become evident as we go along. For example, work has begun on our new website, www.nmta.us. A framework should be up in two weeks, and content will be added as quickly as possible. I have some interesting ideas on how the website can be used to serve the members and build a sense of community. Time will tell. Most of the website features will be password-protected and accessible to members only, so pay your dues now, or lose out later....

Meanwhile, please keep letting me have all the feedback you can, while I ride this learning curve for a while. <g>

And now, please enjoy the links!

Regards,

-David

Featured Website

Beautiful PowerPoint presentation on the importance of remittances, great facts, logically presented. IFAD is the "International Fund for Agricultural Development." –ed.

<http://www.ifad.org/events/gc/27/roundtable/pl/PL.ppt>

Industry News and Trends

Read this. –ed.: GROWING market provides immigrants many ways to send funds Dallas Morning News (subscription) - Dallas, TX, USA... Banks have become the debutantes of the money transfer business....may advertise "low prices always," but in the money transfer business, that's not always true....

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/bus/stories/082304dnbusperfi.98b82.html>

HISPANIC Banking: The Race Is On...HispanicBusiness.com - USA... In May, Bancomer's US subsidiary, Bancomer Transfer Services, purchased Valley Bank, a... as Western Union and MoneyGram have monopolized the remittance market.... <http://www.hispanicbusiness.com/news/newsbyid.asp?id=17721>

THE Debate - Reporting money laundering...Accountancy Age - London, United Kingdom Firms have a duty to report money laundering says Nigel Morris-Cotterill. But unnecessary reporting wastes time and money, argues Peter Mitchell. <http://www.accountancyage.com/Comment/1137975>

US tries a different approach to fighting terrorist funding WKBN - Youngstown, OH, USA... first, the Bush administration tried to "drain the swamp" of terrorist cash... the government's freezing some assets but it's also allowing some funding groups to... <http://www.wkbn.com/Global/story.asp?S=2209231>

BANK sues man for fraud...Exeter News Letter - Exeter, NH, USA... The suit was filed and the bank also filed a Suspicious Activity Report, in accordance with the Bank Secrecy Act, with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network... <http://www.seacoastonline.com/news/exeter/08202004/news/33106.htm>

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WASHINGTON IN BRIEF...Washington Post - Washington, DC, USA... Criminal Division would have required 1,300 libraries that specialize in government documents to destroy information on asset forfeiture procedures, including... <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A30005-2004Aug24.html>

CITIGROUP acquires Texas-based bank... Miami Herald (subscription) - Miami, FL, USA... Citigroup said the branches would offer comprehensive foreign-exchange, cash-management and money-transfer services for small businesses and 24-hour telephone...

<http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/business/national/9482461.htm>

Citigroup to Acquire First American Bank in Texas (Business Wire)...Citigroup and First American Bank, SSB, today announced that Citigroup will acquire First American Bank, one of the largest independent financial institutions in Texas. The transaction is expected to be immediately accretive to Citigroup's earnings.

http://rd.yahoo.com/alerts/email/news/*http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/040824/245385_1.html

Treasury

TREASURY EMPLOYS USA PATRIOT ACT AUTHORITIES TO DESIGNATE TWO FOREIGN BANKS AS PRIMARY MONEY LAUNDERING CONCERNS"...This Department of Treasury press release may be viewed at: <http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/js1874.htm>

Imposition of Special Measure Against First Merchant Bank OSH Ltd, Including Its Subsidiaries, FMB Finance LTD, First Merchant International Inc, First Merchant Finance Ltd, and First Merchant Trust Ltd, as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern

Imposition of Special Measure Against InfoBank as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern...

The above two items are available at: http://www.fincen.gov/pub_fedregnotice.html

"These standards have mobilized the international community to take action on important terrorist financing issues such as: freezing terrorist-related assets; regulating and monitoring alternative remittance systems; ensuring accurate and meaningful originator information on cross-border wire transfers, and protecting non-profit organizations from terrorist abuse. Treasury is also engaging the FATF to pursue the risk of terrorist financing through cash couriers. The recent decision by the IMF and World Bank to make country compliance with the FATF standards a part of their regular surveillance of global financial sectors is an important step forward in giving real meaning to these standards. These efforts have produced considerable results, but more can and should be done. TFI will continue to engage the international community to target specific issues and jurisdictions of concern, and to encourage effective implementation of standards to combat terrorist financing."...TESTIMONY OF STUART A. LEVEY, UNDER SECRETARY TERRORISM AND FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE... <http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/js1869.htm>

INTERNATIONAL Cooperation against Terrorist Financing Urged ????? - USA... Financial Regulation and Supervision: Treasury, through the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), administers the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and issues... <http://tokyo.usembassy.gov/e/tp-20040824-03.html>

"...the Haitian Diaspora also has an important role as a source of financing and technological know-how. An estimated \$1 billion in remittances flowed to Haiti in 2003, roughly equal to 30% of GDP. In addition to meeting basic needs, these funds have the potential to be used to help start new businesses or allow families to keep their children in school. I would encourage you in the Diaspora and in the business community to continue to look forward innovative ways in which remittance flows can be channeled into productive investments that provide for higher standards of living in the future.

I should note that in recognition of the importance of remittance flows, the Bush Administration has launched a global effort to reduce the cost of sending remittances and increase the availability of remittance services. At the Summit of the Americas held in Monterrey, Mexico, earlier this year, President Bush secured agreement among the Hemisphere's leaders to implement the steps needed to cut the average cost of sending remittances in the region in half by 2008. Haiti is in a position to benefit enormously from this initiative. Despite the large volume of flows to Haiti, the cost of sending remittances to Haiti remains high--the IDB estimated the average cost at 8.8% of the amount transferred, which is among the higher costs in the region."
THE UNDERSECRETARY TAYLOR'S REMARKS ON HAITI ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION
This Department of Treasury press release may be viewed at: <http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/js1868.htm>

A major area of focus for the Treasury Department has been on remittances from workers in the United States to their families in Mexico. Work to promote increased competition in the remittances industry and expand access to the formal financial system under the Partnership has helped halve the cost of remittance transfers from the United States to Mexico since 1999, and led to the introduction of a range of new products.....UNDER SECRETARY TAYLOR'S REMARKS ON LATIN AMERICAN EXPANSION...This Department of Treasury press release may be viewed at: <http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/js1870.htm>

Terrorist finance crackdown remains strong...UPI Perspectives... August 24, 2004 ...Among the key findings of the 9/11 Commission is the importance of smashing terror group funding, which the U.S. government has continued to pursue across party lines and beyond departmental divides. Moreover, the Department of Justice's decision to press criminal charges last week against Riggs Bank, one of Washington's most established...
<http://www.rscopyright.com/redirect.html?article=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.rscopyright.com%2FUPI%2Fcontent.html%3Fpid%3D5954%26id%3DUPI-20040824-012958-6229R&pid=5954>

TREASURY moving to disrupt terrorist financing GCN.com - USA The streams include Bank Secrecy Act data from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, targeting analysis and sanctions enforcement data from the Office of... http://gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/27037-1.html

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<http://www.rscopyright.com/redirect.html?article=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.rscopyright.com%2FUPI%2Fcontent.html%3Fpid%3D5955%26id%3DUPI-20040823-080943-7538R&pid=5955>

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Riggs

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http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=40150

BRITAIN Arrests Radical Cleric Al-Masri...Guardian - UK... accuses al-Masri of trying to establish a terrorist training camp in Oregon, being involved in hostage-taking in Yemen and funding terrorism training in... <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/latest/story/0,1280,-4452207,00.html>

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Three Diamond District jewelry dealers were charged Thursday with laundering money for South American drug dealers. An indictment in federal court alleges that Ebrahim Raphael, Hamid Delshad and Yitzcok Hirschfeld swapped cash-filled bags for checks from their business accounts, the Associated Press (AP) reported. The...Dealers Accused Of Money Laundering"...
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