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## “PENNIES”

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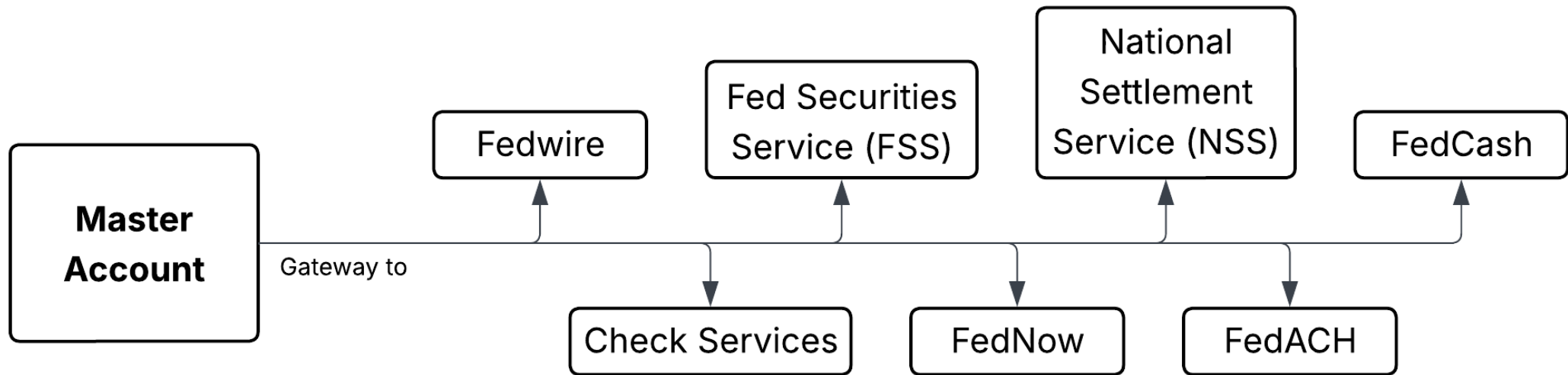
# An Overview of Federal Reserve Central Bank and Financial Services

# Central Bank Services Overview

**Central Bank Programs:** *The Federal Reserve offers tools to assist financial institutions in meeting reporting requirements and understanding policies governing reserve balances, term deposits and Discount Window lending programs. These include:*

- **Reporting Central:** The Fed collects required and voluntary data from banking holding companies, depository institutions, other financial and nonfinancial entities and consumers. Reporting Central provides a secure system to submit that data.
- **Reserves Central:** Provides resources and tools to help institutions access information on reserve balances and related calculations, such as the amount of interest earned on those balances.  
**Current IORB rate: 3.65%**
- **Lending Central:** The Discount Window provides eligible depository institutions with access to term liquidity (up to 90 days). Borrowing can be initiated by calling your local Reserve Bank (866.666.8316 for St. Louis Fed) or via Discount Window Direct (DWD).

# A Master Account is the Gateway to Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) Financial Services



# Criteria to Use FRB Payment Services

- A **Master Account** is the record of financial rights and obligations of an Account Holder and the Administrative Reserve Bank with respect to each other, where opening, intraday, and closing balances are determined.
- A Master Account is identified by a Primary Routing Transit Number (RTN).
- FRB Services can be accessed directly through a Master Account held at a Federal Reserve Bank or through the Master Account of a correspondent depository institution.
- Access to services is subject to approval by the respective Administrative Reserve Bank.

# Financial Services Overview

***Financial Services Programs:*** The Federal Reserve is responsible for managing critical payment and securities services that foster the accessibility, integrity and efficiency of the U.S. economy. Through its relationships with more than 10,000 financial institutions nationwide, the Federal Reserve provides equitable access to a system that facilitates more than \$5 trillion payments each day. Federal Reserve Financial Services, delivered via a secure FedLine® network, include the **National Settlement Service**, the **Fedwire® Funds and Securities** services, **Check** services, **FedACH®** services, and **FedCash®** services.

- **National Settlement Service:** Provides final and irrevocable settlement to Depository Institutions with master accounts that settle for participants in clearinghouses and financial exchanges.
- **Fedwire Funds and Securities Services:** A real time gross settlement system that allows participants to send or receive payments. Fedwire Securities provides settlement services for marketable U.S. government securities and other securities issued by federal government agencies, GSEs and some international orgs.
- **Check Services:** The Fed offers electronic and paper check process options, including international check clearing.
- **FedACH Services:** Batched payment services that enable an electronic exchange of debit and credit transactions through the ACH network.
- **FedCash Services:** The Fed acts as a distribution center for the issuance of new currency (Bureau of Engraving and Printing) and new coins (U.S. Mint)

# Resources

- [The Federal Reserve Financial Services](#)
- [Penny Order and Deposit Information | Federal Reserve Financial Services](#)
- [Supervision Outreach-Conversations](#)