

## Federated Department Stores, Inc.

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Welcome to the Federated Department Stores' 2006 VENDOR STANDARDS MANUAL. We expect 2006 to be a year of challenges, including effectuating the many transitions needed to welcome The May Department Stores into our Federated Family. Our goal is to have all of our divisions operating under one set of standards as soon as practical. **To implement this strategy, each May store group would migrate to the Federated Vendor Standards Manual on the dates listed below:**

<i>Current May Division</i>	<i>Future Macy's Division</i>	<i>Systems Conversion Date</i>	<b>DATE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW FDS VENDOR STANDARDS MANUAL</b>
<i>Filene's/Kaufmann's</i>	<i>Macy's East/Macy's Home</i>	<i>4/30/2006</i>	<i>4/30/2006</i>
<i>Hecht's/Strawbridge's</i>	<i>Macy's East/Macy's South/Macy's Home</i>	<i>5/28/2006</i>	<i>5/28/2006</i>
<i>Foley's</i>	<i>Macy's West/Macy's South/Macy's Home</i>	<i>7/2/2006</i>	<i>7/2/2006</i>
<i>Robinson's-May/Meier &amp; Frank</i>	<i>Macy's West/Macy's Northwest/Macy's Home</i>	<i>7/2/2006</i>	<i>7/2/2006</i>
<i>Famous Barr/L.S. Ayers/ The Jones Store</i>	<i>Macy's Midwest</i>	<i>2007 TBD</i>	<b><i>7/2/2006*</i></b>
<i>Marshall Field's Lord &amp; Taylor</i>	<i>Macy's North</i>	<i>2007 TBD</i>	<b><i>7/2/2006*</i></b> <b><i>TBD</i></b>

**Please note that the May transition is a work in progress and there may be changes to the scheduled dates. As a part of the transition and in an effort to simplify the transition process, the May store groups will revise their expense-offsets to match the Federated rates effective February 2006.**

The 2006 Standards and related materials (with substantive changes from last year's version shaded for your reference) are available to you on-line via [www.fdsnet.com](http://www.fdsnet.com). It is essential that you review and comply with the requirements in these materials, which are your guide to doing business with Federated. It is of particular importance that you take note of the following subjects, which either are new for 2006 or contain significant changes from last year's requirements:

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Please forward this email to the appropriate members of your team and finally, please accept our sincere thanks for your continuing support in 2006.

**\*May EDI mapping will remain in place until systems conversion completed.**