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Chainalysis Inks Government Contracts Worth Over \$700K





The bitcoin blockchain investigation firm continues to build relationships with and provide services to the Internal Revenue Service among other agencies.

A few months ago, *ETHNews* reported on the extensive partnerships that Chainalysis has signed with various US government agencies, including the IRS, Securities and Exchange Commission, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Since then, the bitcoin blockchain investigation firm has expanded its reach, receiving additional contracts from the IRS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Drug Enforcement Administration. The most recent purchase orders – those signed between August 22, 2017 and November 10, 2017 – are detailed below.

Chainalysis Government Contracts Signed 8/23/2017 – 11/10/2017				
Agency	Contracting Office	Date	Amount (\$)	NAICS Description
Internal Revenue Service	Western Region	08/24/2017	202,505*	Custom Computer Programming Services
Internal Revenue Service	Midwest Region	08/24/2017	39,564	Custom Computer Programming Services
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Mission Support Dallas	09/06/2017	29,940	Software Publishers
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Mission Support Dallas	09/19/2017	409,049.78	Custom Computer Programming Services
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Information Technology Division	09/28/2017	-13,188	Other Computer Related Services
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Mission Support Dallas	11/08/2017	0**	Custom Computer Programming Services
Drug Enforcement Administration	Headquarters	10/18/2017	19,188	Custom Computer Programming Services

^{*}This listing is labeled as a "definitive contract."

Chainalysis Government Contracts Source

The IRS contracts are especially intriguing given the agency's ongoing legal battle with Coinbase, wherein the Department of Justice filed a court petition, later granted, "seeking authorization to serve an IRS 'John Doe' summons to obtain a wide range of records related to the accounts of millions of Coinbase's customers." Money laundering and tax evasion are clearly issues that weigh on the minds of bureaucrats and politicians alike.

Yesterday, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin broadly addressed the government's interest in monitoring bitcoin transactions, worrying about the prevalence of cryptocurrency usage on the dark web.

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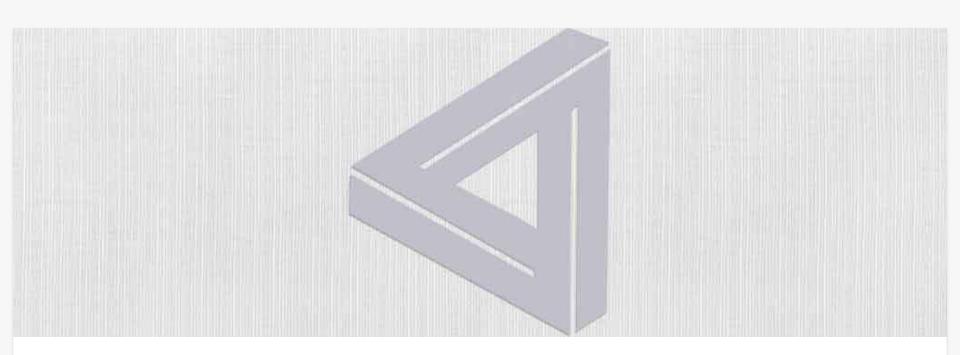
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^{**}It appears that this contract simply closed out the contract from September 19, 2017.

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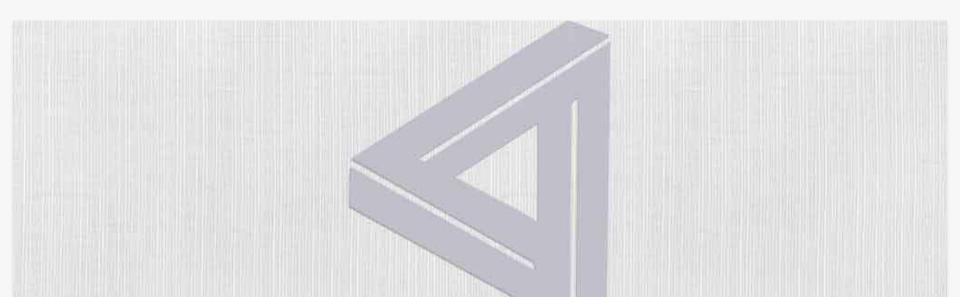
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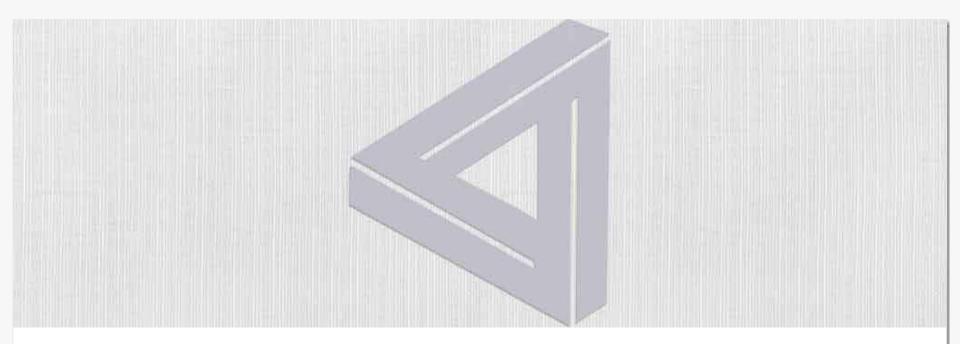




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