

## **OCFS Data Warehouse Cognos 8 Migration ~ Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **What is Cognos 8?**

Cognos 8 is the name of the new OCFS Data Warehouse environment that will be unveiled during Quarter 3 of 2007. Cognos 8 is web-based and will include predefined reports and data from the two current Data Warehouse environments – PowerPlay/Impromptu and ReportNet.

### **What are the benefits of moving to Cognos 8?**

- **Single point of access:** All reports and data will be available from one central location
- **No passwords:** No passwords to remember; security is based on your HSEN ID
- **Web-based:** Simple, one-touch navigation by clicking on Internet hyperlinks
- **Citrix-free:** No dependence on the Citrix server
- **Cognos technology:** Uses the latest reporting technology from a software leader
- **Everyone is switching:** All projects that use Cognos Impromptu, PowerPlay, and ReportNet (e.g., WRTS, SOS) are moving to Cognos 8.
- **We're first in line:** We are very excited that Data Warehouse users will be among the first to experience this new environment.

### **How do I get access?**

Current PowerPlay/Impromptu and ReportNet users – including agencies using NIS and SSL VPN – automatically receive access to the Cognos 8 environment. See the Intranet website <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/datawarehouse/dwaccess.asp> for more information on accessing Cognos 8. Those that don't currently have access to the Data Warehouse must request access to Cognos 8 by emailing the Data Warehouse Team at [data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us) with their name and HSEN ID.

### **What will happen to the reports that I have already created with PowerPlay, Impromptu, and ReportNet?**

All reports will need to be rebuilt in Cognos 8. Documentation will be available to aid users in the process, and the Data Warehouse Team will assist, as necessary.

### **How should I prepare for the transition to Cognos 8?**

Users should get rid of saved reports they don't need. Keep only reports that need to be rebuilt in Cognos 8. The fewer reports that need to be rebuilt the better!

- PowerPlay/Impromptu users should delete PowerPlay (.ppr) and Impromptu (.imr) reports they don't need from the T: drive. PDF (.pdf) and Excel (.xls) files can be moved from T: drive to the local computer using the My Computer icon.
- ReportNet users should delete reports they don't need from the My Folders area.

### **For more information**

Contact the Data Warehouse Team at [data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us).