

*~ The CONNECTIONS WEEKLY ~*  
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***Build 18.9 Info...***

Just as a point of confirmation, the implementation date for Build 18.9 is currently scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2007. More info on the Build highlights and content of the Build will follow in up-coming Weekly's.

***Build 18.9 Tools ~ The Impact Analysis for Build 18.9 Security...***

In preparation for the Build implementation, we have drafted an Impact Analysis related to the security that will be necessary to compliment the functionality of the Build. The document is posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet site and can be accessed via the following path: <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/> > Implementation button > Current Build Information CONNECTIONS Build 18 > Build Information > Build 18.9 Reference Documents.

***Questions & Answers from the Build 18.9 Forums...***

You asked the questions, we have provided the answers! Many very insightful questions were asked at the Build 18.9 Forums that were held across the state during the summer. At that time, we made a commitment to collect and answer all of your very valuable questions. This task has been accomplished! The answers come to you through a concerted effort on the part of staff from CONNECTIONS partnering with our agency's Policy and Legal divisions. For your reference, both the questions and answers are posted, in a categorized format, including topics such as Health, the Permanency Hearing Report, Education and a few others. The document has been posted to the Home page of the CONNECTIONS intranet site.

***The OCFS Data Warehouse FAQ's on Cognos 8...***

What is Cognos 8? What will stay the same? What will change? The answers to these, and a number of other questions related to Cognos 8 have been answered in a document drafted by the OCFS Data Warehouse and posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet on the Data Warehouse page. Remember, if you have any questions related to the Data Warehouse you can ask the Data Warehouse team by e-mailing them at [data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us](mailto:data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us).

## ***Moving? Need To Know What To Do About Your CONNECTIONS Related PCs, Printers, Etc.?***

It appears that there has been a lot of activity recently related to CONNECTIONS equipment moves, and we just wanted to remind you that OCFS must be notified before any State CONNECTIONS equipment is either returned *or* moved. This notification is accomplished via the submission of specific forms to the “comctrup” ([comctrup@nysemail.state.ny.us](mailto:comctrup@nysemail.state.ny.us)) mailbox. This notification is important for the inventory control of this equipment, as well as our ability to provide support in the event of any equipment failure. The forms that we are referencing are titled as the following:

- CONNECTIONS Moving Form ~ OCFS-4820
- CONNECTIONS Equipment Return Form ~ OCFS 4819
- Other Request Form ~ OCFS 4818

Please note that these three forms are posted to *both* the OCFS intranet, at the following address: <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/admin/forms/it>, as well as the CONNECTIONS intranet, at the following address: <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/projupdt/sys.asp> (under the title *Equipment Change Forms*). We thank you for your cooperation!

### ***Quick Tip...***

#### ***Multiple Role Assignment...***

As of late we have gotten a number of tickets surrounding the subject of multiple role assignment, where one worker is assigned the same role multiple times. Although, at this time, the system does allow users to do this we ask that before workers assign roles, they check that the individual has not already been assigned a role. This issue is on our list of critical issues to fix.

### ***New Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet...***

The following document(s) were recently posted to the CONNECTIONS intranet website:

- The Questions & Answers from the Build 18.9 Regional Forums
- The Impact Analysis: Build 18.9 Security
- OCFS Data Warehouse FAQ's on Cognos 8
- The CONNECTIONS Weekly

### ***Weekly System Maintenance...***

#### ***CONNECTIONS Application Downtime...***

- ***Friday, 12/15/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- ***Wednesday, 12/20/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- ***Friday 12/22/06*** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM