

~ The CONNECTIONS WEEKLY ~
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OCFS Equipment Return

As Districts and Agencies move to VPN and/or SSL VPN on their own equipment, OCFS is requesting that Districts and Agencies return any unused state owned equipment (PCs - Printers) to OCFS. This will help to maintain an accurate inventory and provide equipment to Districts and Agencies in need. Please complete the attached OCFS-4819 Equipment Return Form when returning state owned equipment. If submitting the form from *an HSEN device*, send to the following mailbox: ocfs.sm.comctrup. If submitting the form from a device *outside the HSEN*, send the request to: comctrup@nysemail.state.ny.us



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We would like to thank you for your attention and cooperation in this endeavor.

OFT Customer Relations Memo: Statewide DNS Platform Change...

Beginning December 7, 2007 OFT will be retiring the current Statewide DNS servers configured with the names and IP addresses listed below.

Retiring: NS6 - 10.48.0.6
NS7 - 10.48.0.157 and 10.48.0.158

A letter announcing the new Statewide Domain Name Services (DNS) Platform was issued on October 16, 2007. A copy of the letter, with instructions on converting and testing the new DNS platform, is attached to the OFT Customer Relations Memo for your reference. Please read the OFT Customer Memo posted on the OFT Customer Relations site at: <http://sdc.oft.state.nyenet/crcc/>

ATTENTION: The OCFS Data Warehouse Team is closing ReportNet...

Now that Cognos 8 is up-and-running, the OCFS Data Warehouse Team is closing the older ReportNet environment. All district, agency, regional office, and State staff should

be using Cognos 8 to access the predefined reports and data packages that were in ReportNet. From now on, new users will receive access to the Cognos 8 environment only.

For more information on Cognos 8, visit the Intranet site at <http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/datawarehouse> or email the Data Warehouse Team at data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Attention ReportNet users: The Data Warehouse team will be sending out an email sometime in the next month or so, with instructions on what to do with reports in the My Folders and Technical Assistance areas of ReportNet that you plan to continue to use. Now is a good time to begin deleting reports that you no longer use/need from those two areas.

Data Warehouse Reports Page UPDATE...

Construction of the OCFS Data Warehouse Reports page is complete. The updated page contains a list of reports, with links to write ups and data definitions, that are currently available, or coming soon, to the OCFS Data Warehouse.

Decommissioning of Remote Access Server (RAS)...

Please note: The phase out of the RAS service has begun. For users that are still using dial up, we recommend that you contact your LAN administrator to explore alternatives to RAS.

New Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet...

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

- The CONNECTIONS Weekly

Weekly System Maintenance...

CONNECTIONS Application Downtime...

- **Wednesday, 12/12/07** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- **Friday, 12/14/07** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- **Wednesday 12/19/07** from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM