THE CONNECTIONS WEEKLY
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Important Information for OCFS Data Warehouse Users…

Now that Cognos 8 is up-and-running, the OCFS Data Warehouse Team is closing the older ReportNet environment. If you are a Data Warehouse user with saved reports in ReportNet – either in My Folders or Technical Assistance – you <u>must</u> copy those reports to a special "Conversion" folder, so your reports can be rebuilt in Cognos 8. If you did not receive an email about the "Conversion" folders and you have saved reports that need to be in Cognos 8, view the step-by-step instructions for "Preparing to Rebuild Saved ReportNet Reports" on the Intranet at
http://ocfs.state.nyenet/connect/datawarehouse under the **January 17, 2008** heading or email the OCFS Data Warehouse Team immediately at data.warehouse@ocfs.state.ny.us. Only reports in the "Conversion" folders will be saved from deletion.
<u>Note:</u>   Unaltered Predefined reports are available in Cognos 8 and do not need to be copied to the "Conversion" folder.

The deadline for copying your reports is January 31.

If you have already done this, thank you. We are in the process of rebuilding your reports in Cognos 8 and will notify you via email when completed.

OFT Customer Relations Memos…

07-CNS-08 NOTIFICATION: NYENET DNS FINAL STEP
On December 7, 2007 CIO/OFT retired the Statewide DNS servers configured with the names and IP addresses listed below.
    Retired: NS6 - 10.48.0.6
                      NS7 - 10.48.0.157 and 10.48.0.158
Notification was given (OFT Bulletin 07-CNS-08) and migration steps were taken to ensure that all NYeNet participants of the Statewide DNS use the new DNS IP addresses.

New: 10.53.35.190
              10.53.35.222

This Notification is being distributed to inform customers of the final step in the migration process, which requires customers to remove the retired DNS addresses from their DNS configuration as outlined in the Customer Action portion of this Notification.

08-ISO-01: BULLETIN BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION

The Office for Technology (CIO/OFT) does not accept biometrics for use as a dual authentication solution where strong authentication is required (e.g., remotely accessing restricted information). Please note that examples of biometrics include palm or fingerprint identification, retinal scan and voice recognition.

Additionally, as the Bulletin states "…biometric technologies are **not** supported on the Human Services Enterprise Network (HSEN) and biometric devices should not be used to circumvent established authentication methods for State operated equipment".

Please read the CIO/OFT Customer Bulletin for more information and inform users as needed.

For full text of the above reference Memos, see the OFT Customer Relations Bulletins posted on the CONNECTIONS website on the Systems/Network page.

New Postings to the CONNECTIONS Intranet…

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

- *The CONNECTIONS Weekly for the week of January 11, 2008*
- *OCFS Data Warehouse Instructions for on Rebuilding Reports*

Weekly System Maintenance…

Due to regularly scheduled system maintenance, the CONNECTIONS application will not be available on…

- *Wednesday, 1/23/08* from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- *Friday, 1/25/08* from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM
- *Wednesday 1/30/08* from 5:00 AM – 7:00 AM