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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Financial Officers
University Vice Chancellors

FROM: David McCoy

SUBJECT: North Carolina Accounting System (NCAS)
Decision Support System (DSS) Software Upgrade

The North Carolina Accounting System Decision Support System (NCAS DSS) is currently being upgraded to provide improved financial and budgetary analysis and improved reporting. As most of you are aware, NCAS DSS is the primary reporting tool utilized in the production of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The upgrade allows access through your web browser eliminating the need for client software loaded on your desktop or laptop computer. Supported browsers include: Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) 6 SPI through IE 8 for Windows and Firefox 1.5.02 through 3.6 for Windows and Mac.

Training sessions for agency users are being scheduled for March through May 2012. It is important to note that users will be unable to utilize the system without this training. In preparation for the upgrade, agency staff should prioritize their DSS custom reports since it will be responsibility of the agency to recreate these reports in the upgraded system. OSC will notify your office once the training classes are open for scheduling.

In addition, during CAFR planning conferences to be conducted during May and June of 2012, OSC analysts will demonstrate the new look and features of NCAS DSS to agency personnel. The upgraded system will still be accessible either through the OSC website (http://www.osc.nc.gov) or through a new web link to be announced later.

We appreciate your continuing support as we transition to the upgraded product. In the meantime, if you have questions please contact OSC Support Services at (919) 707-0795.

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