



Office of the State Controller

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To: Chief Financial Officers, Vice Chancellors
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Subject: Upgrade of IBM Cognos PowerPlay Client for DSS Users
CC: Chief Information Officers, Fiscal Contacts

The North Carolina Accounting System Decision Support System (NCAS DSS) is currently being upgraded and is scheduled to be complete in the next few months. The new version has a very similar look and feel, so additional training will not be required for current users. An updated *NCAS DSS Quick Start Guide* will be provided to users for assistance in opening reports.

To open DSS cube reports after the upgrade, users will be required to have a new version 11 of IBM Cognos PowerPlay client installed on their computer. Software download and installation instructions will be sent in a forthcoming memo. **Login authentication has changed for PowerPlay**, so users will be required to have an NCID to open reports, which will replace the current DSS ID. To obtain an NCID, users must contact their agency NCID administrator.

The process to access DSS static reports will not change in the new version. Currently an NCID is required to access those reports.

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 or osc.support.services@osc.nc.gov.

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