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Greetings!

A few items to make everyone aware of.

1. Printing the Contract Record screen. This is no longer as easy as it used to be. Reason being that as CobbleStone continues to improve its product, they are at the same time trying to remain compatible with Microsoft browsers and other software applications. In doing so, those agencies with older versions of Internet Explorer or Firefox get left behind. What this amounted to in this case is the inability to print an entire screen image given the way the older browsers “break” the data when the Print function is selected. Each website has its own settings for how to display an image and therefore how to break up data to fit on a given page. Solution(s)?
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 - a. Short term: CobbleStone is looking into developing a “Print Preview” button within CMS that will generate a print out of as much of the contract record screen that will fit on a single page. This should cover most user needs.
 - b. Long term: Agencies need to upgrade their browsers to either Internet Explorer 8 or Firefox 6.

This issue has really driven home the problems that can and do occur when a single system is utilized across multiple departments and across the State as a whole *and* not all departments are using the same software and browser versions. Perhaps CMS can be used as leverage for updates? I can only hope.

2. Group/Common logins. These will return. CobbleStone is working on a “patch” (a technical term for correcting a piece of software by modifying a file within the software rather than installing a whole new software version) that will allow OIT to in effect *turn off* the enhanced security feature coded into the new version of ContractInsight.
 - a. Estimated implementation is end of October due in part to October being an ARRA reporting month and also the need to test the “patch” in-house.
3. Alert Others to Tasks. Only Administrative level CMS users can select the Alert Others link to assign/notify another user of a task in addition to

the primary Tasked Party. *Non-administrative* level users of CMS (most contract record creators) continue to use the Assign Employees link from the right-hand column of functions (Administrative level users can use this option as well).

4. Annual Certifications. The statute states that certification of a vendor's work must occur on an annual basis for those contracts renewed in a subsequent fiscal year. Given the mention of both annual and fiscal years, some confusion over how to handle the annual certification when the 12-months crosses or does not cross, a fiscal year has come up.

a. Answer: The Office of the State Controller has interpreted the annual certification as exactly that – a 12 month period beginning the Effective Date of the contract; regardless of the fiscal year. This means, for example, that if a contract is fully executed as of October 1, 2011, the annual certification of compliance with performance measures is “due” September 30, 2012, notwithstanding the fact that the state fiscal year changed in July 2012. So too if a contract is signed July 1, 2011 and is renewed July 30, 2012, the annual certification is 12-months later – also June 30, 2012 despite the fiscal year not being crossed.

Thank you for your continued patience with everything CMS and IT related. Have a wonderful remainder of September!

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