

For: Cotton State and County Offices

New Cotton Warehouse Receipt Process (CWRP) Software

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1 Overview

A Background

Cotton PC Transmittal No. 02 provides:

- instructions for converting cotton PC's from the Windows 95 operating system to a CCE Compliant Windows NT operating system
- information about a complete revision of the cotton software, Version 3.0, to allow for the following:
 - operating in the Windows NT/CCE environment (version 3.0)
 - using the facilities of the IBM Client Access Express software to perform file transfers between PC and AS/400
- information about software that allows for the transfer of bale data from CWRP to the System 36 for processing in APSS.

Important: Read Cotton PC Transmittal No. 02 carefully before taking any action to install software.

B Purpose

This notice provides information about cotton software in Cotton PC Release No. 02.

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| <p>Disposal Date</p> <p>March 1, 2002</p> | <p>Distribution</p> <p>Cotton State Offices; State Offices relay to applicable County Offices</p> |
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Warning

Because the cotton PC must be updated to a Windows NT operating system, the County Office shall **not** install the software provided in Cotton PC Release No. 02 until either of the following have been contacted:

- State Computer Specialist
- State Price Support Specialist.

Important: See Exhibit 1 for a software installation checklist.

2 CWRP Information

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Software Contents and Capabilities

Cotton PC conversion software is provided on a two-CD set that will convert the existing Compaq E6400 PC's with the Windows 95 operating system to the Windows NT- 4.0 operating system. PC's should then be configured according to existing CCE workstation requirements.

The new CWRP:

- replaces the cotton software that until now has been maintained on the separate cotton PC
 - has the following capabilities:
 - software is Windows NT and CCE compliant
 - file transfers to the System 36 are accomplished using IBM Client Access Express and AS/400 software in place of the emulator board
 - System 36 software has been revised for the IBM Client Access Express processing requirements
 - a process to allow for importing loan files created on the old cotton PC.
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Software Installation Checklist

| Step | System | Procedure |
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| 1 | Old Win95 cotton PC | <p>Screen print or write down information from the Office Profile screens for each office that will be loaded on the new cotton system. A 3-character file prefix code will be needed for each county to be loaded on the cotton PC.</p> <p>To locate the Office Profile information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign on to the PC cotton system • on Menu 001, ENTER “9” • on Menu 900, ENTER “1” • Screen PWC20010 will be displayed. |
| 2 | Old Win95 cotton PC | <p>Screen print or write down information from the Warehouse Profile screens for each warehouse that will be loaded on the new cotton system. The warehouse code, the warehouse name, the location differential for the county in which the warehouse is located, and the city and State where the warehouse is located will be needed.</p> <p>To locate Warehouse Profile information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign on to the PC cotton system • on Menu 001, ENTER “9” • on Menu 900, ENTER “3” • Screen PWC21510 will be displayed. |
| 3 | Old Win95 cotton PC | <p>Screen print or write down the AMS user ID and AMS password from the AMS Transmission Profile screen. Also note any special dialing codes needed to access AMS, such as an 8 or 9 before the AMS phone number.</p> <p>To locate AMS Transmission Profile information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sign on to the PC cotton system • on Menu 001, ENTER “2” • on Menu 007, ENTER “14” • Screen PWC45000 will be displayed. <p>Note: If the system shows “12345” for the user ID and “TESTASCS” as the password, then this is an incorrect ID and password.</p> |

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| 4 | Old Win95 cotton PC | Save all outstanding loan files to diskette. Note: The diskettes that were created when the loan was originally processed may be used, or new diskette files may be created on Cotton Warehouse Receipt Process Selection Menu by using option 8, "Copy Loan File To A:". |
| 5 | AS/400 | Determine the IP (Internet) Address for the AS/400 located in the County Office. |
| 6 | System 36 | Add the *NULL User ID to the System 36. |
| 7 | Old Win95 Cotton PC | When upgrading the Win95 Cotton PC to Windows NT , remove the AST-5251 Board from PC. It will not be used, and will not work, in the Windows NT environment. Note: This step will generally be done by, or under the direction of, the Computer Specialist. |
| 8 | Old Win95 Cotton PC | When upgrading the Win95 Cotton PC to Windows NT , install the Windows NT Coreload and IBM Client Access software. Setup user ID's, network addresses, e-mail, and other customization as required. Note: This step will generally be done by, or under the direction of, the Computer Specialist. Important: Be sure that any files needed from the Win95 cotton PC are saved before installing the Windows NT Coreload. The Win95 cotton PC will be erased during the Windows NT Coreload process . |
| 9 | Old Win95 Cotton PC/WinNT PC | A modem is still required to obtain classing information from AMS. Connect the modem to whichever PC has been designated as the primary cotton PC. The modem should be connected to COM2. |
| 10 | WinNT PC | Install cotton software on the Windows NT PC. |
| 11 | WinNT PC | Optional – Add Icon for Cotton PC software to the Windows Desktop. |
| 12 | WinNT PC | Load Office Profiles into Cotton Software |

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| 13 | WinNT PC | Load Warehouse Profiles into cotton software. (Warehouse Information) |
| 14 | WinNT PC | Load Frequently Used Holder ID's into Cotton Software. (Frequently Used Buyer/New Holder Codes) |
| 15 | WinNT PC | Load the AMS user ID and password into the cotton software. (AMS Transmission Profile) Verify phone number. Example: Should an 8, 9, or other access code be dialed to make long distance telephone calls? |
| 16 | WinNT PC | Load the AS/400 IP address into the cotton software. (APSS Transmission Profile) |
| 17 | WinNT PC | Import any outstanding loans into the system from diskette. Note: Use the diskette files created in step 4. |
