

For: State Offices and KCFO

Electronic Transmission of State Software Releases

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1 Overview

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Background

Kansas City will soon begin electronically transmitting State software releases rather than sending diskettes through the mail. The software for this was sent to all States during 1999.

In addition, transmittal notices will no longer be mailed but will be posted on the USDA Intranet.

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Purpose

This notice provides instructions for:

- installing software received by electronic transmissions
 - accessing the USDA Intranet
 - sites that will continue to receive diskettes.
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A Software Installation

Start-of-Day will display the following message when a Software Release Transmission has been received:

“A state level release may now be available for installation. Installation may be accomplished from Menu FAX320.”

Step	Action
1	Follow the installation instructions in 2-IRM.
2	The normal installation routines will be: Select: Option 6, Menu FAX250 Option 3, Menu FAX271 Option 3, Menu FAX320 Option 2, Menu FAF322.

B Release Information

Each release transmission will contain the following required files that must be received before the installation process will start:

- CHECK
- FIRSTJOB
- S.FB.TRN
- TS.xxxxx (1)
- LASTJOB
- S.FB.FTR (2)
- SFCRUF.

Notes: The "xxxxx" indicates a library name. There could be multiple files transmitted as indicated on the transmittal.

Multiple version controls files could be transmitted as indicated on the release transmittal.

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The following is additional information for required files.

- The CHECK, FIRSTJOB, and LASTJOB files can, but will not always contain non-version controlled folders, files, and libraries.
- The CHECK file will primarily be used to verify the action/process that is required has been completed before installing the release.
- FIRSTJOB will size libraries and place members on the machine that are required by the installation process.
- LASTJOB will place non-version controlled folders, files, and libraries (in that order) on the machines.
- Release transmittals will be expanded to include a list of all members being transmitted.
- Errors on installation will need to be individually handled and are the reason for Options 1, 3, and 4 on Menu FAF322.
 - Error in CHECK, FIRSTJOB, receipt of required files, or files used by CHECK or FIRSTJOB can be fixed by correcting the error and restarting the releases.
 - Error in LASTJOB will indicate version control libraries have been updated. The National Help Desk should be contacted at 800-255-2434 (non-FTS) or 816-926-1552 (FTS) to correct LASTJOB problems.

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Accessing the Transmittal Notice on the USDA Intranet

To access the software release transmittal notice, follow the instructions in this table.

Step	Action
1	Log on to the USDA Intranet at http://intranet.fsa.usda.gov/fsa/
2	Click on "Software Release Transmittals".
3	Click on the year of the software release.
4	Click on the appropriate State Release number.

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Effective Date

The electronic transmission will begin with State Software Release No. 363.

3 Sites That Will Continue to Receive Software Release Diskettes

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Loading Software From Diskettes

Sites that will not receive software releases by electronic transmission will continue to receive diskettes through the mail. Follow the procedures in this table to load software from diskettes.

Step	Action
1	Sign on to the system.
2	Insert the diskette into the machine.
3	Type the command to restore files to simulate on any command line.
4	Follow the instructions for installing an electronically transmitted release.
