

For: State and County Offices

**Changing the Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS) Password**

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**1 Overview**

**A**

**Background**

New security requirements will no longer allow TACACS passwords to be valid indefinitely. Users will be responsible for changing their passwords **at least semi-annually**.

During the login process, the CiscoSecure Messaging Agent software will provide users with password information, including the final expiration date of the current password.

**B**

**Purpose**

This notice provides instructions on changing the TACACS password.

**C**

**Contact**

If there are any questions about this notice, call the National Help Desk at 800-255-2434 (non-FTS) or 816-926-1552 (FTS).

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### 2 Action

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#### A

#### **Downloading the CiscoSecure Messaging Agent Software**

If the CiscoSecure Messaging Agent software is not included in the next CCE software coreload:

- access CCE certified software website <http://servicecenter.usda.gov/release>.
  - download the CiscoSecure Messaging Agent software, as well as the instructions for installing/uninstalling the software.
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#### B

#### **Changing the TACACS Password**

To change the TACACS password, access the website <http://tacacs.fsa.usda.gov> and the following prompts will be displayed:

- enter existing password
  - enter new password
  - confirm new password.
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