



National Finance Center Customer Notification

CICS Software Testing - Saturday, December 12, 2015

December 4, 2015

Database/Customer(s) Affected: All Mainframe CICS Based Applications

The National Finance Center (NFC) is requesting agency assistance in testing the latest release of the Customer Information Control System/Transaction Server (CICSTS), release 5.2.

The following applications will require testing:

**EPIC, MASC, ABCO, NEMP, CAPS, SPPS Mainframe and Web, and
USDA Instance for webTA**

Testing is scheduled for **Saturday, December 12, 2015**, between the hours of **1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. EST** and may be performed from the tester's residence.

Agencies participating in the testing are asked to have testers:

- Contact NFC's Operations and Security Center Help Desk at 1-800-767-9641 Option 4, 504-426-6435 Option 4, or via email to osc.etix@nfc.usda.gov or kurt.guerin@nfc.usda.gov **after** 1:00 p.m. EST to confirm testing is on schedule
- Logon to CICS and test applications used or responsible for **(Note: Testing is being performed in production, therefore, any changes to data are permanent.)**
- Report problems or concerns to Kurt Guerin via email kurt.guerin@nfc.usda.gov or via (972) 890-1641

At the end of Saturday's test, provided there are no major problems, the CICSTS release 5.2 will continue running in the production environment.

Federal employees with questions concerning this notification should contact their Servicing Personnel Office. Authorized agency representatives with questions concerning this notification should contact Kurt Guerin at kurt.guerin@nfc.usda.gov.