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Tech Debt | eFORT Data Center Relocation and Cloud Migration FAQ

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General Information

1. What is the eFORT Relocation Project?

This project will move all the services and physical equipment housed within the leased eFORT data center facility to a state-owned data center or the cloud by the end of 2024.

2. Why is OIT doing this?

The eFORT Data Center is one of the most expensive capital leases in the State's budget. As we strive to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, we realized significant savings could be achieved by relocating hardware to the newly modernized Lakewood Data Center or moving services to the cloud.

- Eliminates the costly colocation lease (\$1.6M/yr) (at less than 25% utilization).
- Reduces the state's data center footprint.
- Consolidates individual agency usage, reducing cost.
- Realigns associated funding toward more cost-effective(State-owned) data center options.
- Encourages cloud adoption for existing workloads.
- Positions workloads for cloud modernization opportunities.
- Provides better management of physical assets.
- Streamlines data center support.

3. Who is affected?

Practically every agency, in some way. At the beginning of the project, 24 state agencies had physical or virtual equipment housed in the eFORT Data Center. All physical and virtual assets must be moved out of the data center, and affected agencies plan to move physical assets to a state-owned data center.

4. When will this happen?

The final eFORT lease started in February 2022. It is a three-year lease ending on Jan. 31, 2025. The project team began migrations in January 2023, scheduled for completion by the end of 2024.

5. How will it be completed?

The project team has focused efforts on several agencies at the same time. This allows us to minimize confusion, maximize output and aim for quick wins.

The work is application-driven. That means server, network, and applications teams will evaluate each app, define target locations, and set priority levels. The Data Center team will work with our agency IT Directors to coordinate app migration downtime and validation testing.