Tech Debt | eFORT Data Center Relocation 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 the 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 state-owned or moving services to the cloud.

This work will eliminate the costly colocation lease, saving the state over $1.5 million annually. It also reduces the state's data center footprint, consolidates individual agency usage and realigns associated funding toward more cost-effective (state-owned) data center options.

This shift encourages cloud adoption for existing workloads, positions workloads for cloud modernization opportunities, provides better management of physical assets and streamlines data center support.

3. Who is affected?

Practically every state agency is affected 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.

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. The project is 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 them to minimize confusion, maximize output, and aim for quick wins. The work is application-driven, meaning server, network, and applications teams will evaluate each app, define target locations and set priority levels. The OIT data center team will coordinate app migration and validation testing.

6. Which agencies have been migrated (as of August 15, 2023)?

- Colorado State Treasury (CST) - completed Jan. 21, 2023
- Weld County, CO - completed Jan. 30, 2023
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) - completed March 11, 2023
- Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) - completed March 11, 2023
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - completed March 18, 2023
- Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) - completed March 18, 2023
- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) - completed Apr. 22, 2023
- Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) - completed May 13, 2023
- Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration (DPA) - completed May 20, 2023
- Colorado Governor's Office (GOV) - completed May 20, 2023
- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) - completed July 14-15, 2023
- Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR) - completed Aug. 12, 2023