



RTS News – October 2004

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A digest of information about the Registration and Title System, published for county tax offices

IVTRS Grows

IVTRS continues to grow and is now used in 92 counties. A total of 40,887 internet renewals were completed for the month of September.

Did you know 73,745 address changes were completed using IVTRS for FY 2004? This number does not include address changes that were completed during an internet renewal transaction. A total of 490,624 renewals were processed via IVTRS for FY04.

Telephone Registration

VTR is actively working with the Department of Information Resources and Texasonline to complement IVTRS with renewal by telephone through a system called Interactive Voice Recognition. Additional details will be available at the V.G. Young seminar.

Equipment Replacement

The equipment replacement project was completed in August 2004, with the exception of monitors and printers.

In July, TxDOT agreed to initiate a project to address replacing both printers and monitors at the same time to minimize office disruptions. Replacement is expected to be underway by early 2005.

POSSP Updates

Release 5.2.1 Status

Release 5.2.1 is currently in User Acceptance Testing. This release will enable subcontractor transactions for Point of Sale Sticker Printing (POSSP).

McLennan County is scheduled to begin piloting subcontractors in early November.

Implementation has been going smoothly, and completion of POSSP in all counties is expected by early 2005.

POSSP sticker paper improvements

Some minor issues with POSSP paper sticking together will soon be resolved with a new paper coating. This anti-static sticker paper will be in circulation by early 2005 after current paper supplies are used.

Although static problems have been minimal, the new paper should reduce paper misfeeds, jams and minor printer alignment issues.

Workaround Elimination Project

The workaround elimination project is moving forward. This project resulted from the TACA Board direction to prioritize elimination of workarounds, as well as the TACA Liaison Committee's priority of eliminating four specific workarounds:

1. \$1 insurance/DPS fee on tow truck, truck tractors, etc.
2. Disabled Person Placards (in RTS provide for issuing the four categories of placards).
3. Accommodate registration periods in RTS for Seasonal Agriculture.
4. Accommodate recently enacted legislation for Salvage Titles in RTS.

The first three of these workaround eliminations will be worked concurrently with the VTR Special Plates project and will be implemented incrementally throughout FY05.

The Salvage Title workaround will be completed as "clean-up" to the Special Plates project and will be available in FY06.

If you have questions about information in this newsletter, call your VTR regional office.

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