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Division: System Support and
Information Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: ICL/DEC Equipment Swapout-Conversion of GENEREX to LANLINK
System

ATTACHMENTS: None

The Department is in the process of replacing the existing ICL terminal network with DEC equipment. Because of the need to convert the BICS and LDF Systems to operate on the DEC equipment, BICS and LDF equipment will be replaced on a separate schedule. Our current estimate is that the BICS/LDF swapout will start no earlier than the 1st quarter of calendar '94. We will share the precise schedule when it is firm.

The removal of the current BICS ICL processor will mean some changes for your district. Most importantly for certain districts is the fact that the GENEREX software will no longer be supported. If your district uses GENEREX, you will need to convert to the BICS LANLINK System prior to the swapout of the ICL BICS equipment. This will require rewriting the GENEREX application into the dBASE language so it can run as part of LANLINK. Although LANLINK as it exists currently will also be made obsolete by the change of equipment, the new equipment vendor is required to provide software which will function in the same manner as the current LANLINK data accessing programs. This means that the output of the new LANLINK will look identical to the old system and your investment in converting to dBASE will be protected.

If your district currently uses GENEREX and does not have a BICS LANLINK installation, we will be contacting you to expedite the installation of LANLINK if so desired. If you have not been contacted by May 14, please call Ed Miller at (518) 474-3771. It should be noted that the only direct cost to your district for the LANLINK system is a suitable PC and dBASE software.

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You should also check to see if any use was made of the GENEREX word processor, Data Text Manager (DTM), as this product, too, will not be available. If you find any documents stored as DTM files, you should review them to determine their importance to your agency and make your own arrangements to secure them. If you have questions on DTM, you should contact Richard DeFichy of the BICS staff at (518) 473-2142 (User ID G10000).

If you find that your GENEREX conversion requirements are greater than had been anticipated, or if you have any questions on the BICS LANLINK system, you should contact Ed Miller at (518) 474-3771 (User ID G10600). State staff will be available to answer questions on GENEREX or LANLINK conversion and to provide some troubleshooting capabilities on your specific conversions.

Your continued support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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