C2011-07 NSW Data
Centre Reform Strategy
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**Description**

**Keypoints**

- The NSW Data Centre Reform Strategy aims to consolidate all NSW Government agencies’ data centres and computer rooms into reliable, energy efficient and secure fit-for-purpose data centres.
- On 10 November 2010, the State Contracts Control Board (SCCB) commenced a Request for Tender (RFT) process to provide the data centre facilities. The RFT closes on 21 February 2011.
- Until the tender process is complete, no NSW Government agency may enter into a contract for data centre capacity for a period beyond 2011, or commit to undertake capital works on an existing data centre before December 2011, without the approval of the Director General, Department of Services, Technology and Administration (DSTA).

**Function and Subject**

Information and Communications Technology

**Detailed Outline**

To address the NSW Government’s increasing demand for data storage and computing capacity, two new fit for purpose data centres will be established in Sydney and the Illawarra. By consolidating demand, the NSW Government will avoid significant costs and drive efficiency savings as Government agencies consolidate their back-office functions.

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Until the RFT process is complete, no NSW Government agency may enter into a contract for data centre capacity for a period beyond 2011, or commit to undertake capital works on an existing data centre before December 2011, without the approval of the Director General, DSTA.
Following successful completion of the RFT process and NSW Government approval of the project, all NSW Government agencies will be required to move existing data centres into the two whole-of-Government purpose built data centres by 31 December 2015 (subject to the terms and conditions of existing contractual agreements with the private sector for the provision of data centre services).

An 'opt-out' principle will apply in relation to the new data centres. Agencies must seek approval from the Cabinet Standing Committee on the Budget to use other data centre arrangements.

Brendan O'Reilly
Director General

Which agencies does this Circular apply to?
All public sector agencies, except State Owned Corporations, that own or lease data centre capacity and computer rooms.

Who needs to know about this Circular?
Directors General and Chief Executive Officers.

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Who needs to know and/or comply with this?

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