

With the enactment of the 2009 Public Authorities Reform Act (PARA), a few changes have been made to PARIS to conform data reporting to provisions of the new law. These changes will be effective with the rollout of PARIS version 3.0, which is expected to occur in December. The changes will apply to all reporting for fiscal years ending on or after October 31, 2010.

This correspondence is intended to provide you with a brief overview of those changes. We are also providing you with a link from which you can view the revised PARIS screens at [http://www.abo.ny.gov/PARIS/PARIS Version 3WebsiteScreenshots2.pdf](http://www.abo.ny.gov/PARIS/PARIS%20Version%203WebsiteScreenshots2.pdf).

Budget Report: PARA results in no revisions to any screens in the Budget Report.

Investment, Audit, and Procurement reports: These three reports will now need to be certified and submitted as part of the Annual Report and within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year.

Annual Report: A number of screens in the Annual Report have been revised.

Authority Related Governance Screen:

- Questions have been added asking whether the authority's mission statement was revised or re-adopted during the reporting year and the URL address where the mission statement can be found on your web site.
- The Authority will need to attach its annual measurement report and provide the URL link.
- State authorities will need to indicate whether a lobbying policy has been adopted, and if a record of lobbying contacts has been maintained.

Board Related Governance Screen:

- New Yes/No questions have been added relating to the creation of a finance committee (if appropriate), the completion of the required board performance evaluation, and adoption of compensation policies.

Board of Directors Screen:

- Authorities will be asked for additional information on any designees appointed by ex officio board members, and if all board members, including designees and ex officio members, have signed the acknowledgment of fiduciary duty statement.

Staff Screen:

- Authorities will be required to report all components of staff compensation by the following categories: Annualized Salary, Salary Actually Paid, Overtime, Bonus, Extra Pay, and other compensation. The screen will have a link to a definitions page where those terms are defined.

Summary Financial Information Screen:

- Authorities are being asked to report the value of any long term leases they have.

Real Property Transaction Screen:

- A Yes/No question has been added asking if the property transaction was competitively bid. If the answer is "No", the Authority is asked to explain why a competitive bid process was not followed.

Personal Property Screen:

- A Yes/No question has been added asking if the property disposal was through a competitive bid or through a governmental entity. If “No”, an explanation is required.

For both a real property or personal property transaction, the CEO must now attest that the property disposal below fair market value or a property acquisition above fair market value were completed in accordance with applicable laws and the Authority’s policies.

MWBE Procurements:

- State authorities will be asked questions dealing with MWBE procurement transactions, including whether qualifying MWBE firms were solicited and the number of bids received by qualified MWBE firms.

Please note that updated versions of bulk load templates will have to be used once the new version of PARIS is released. We urge authorities to wait until these templates are available when gathering information for reports. The system will not accept prior versions of the template when you attempt to bulk load.