



Information about the Public Authorities Reporting Information System (PARIS)

The Authority Budget Office (ABO) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) have developed a comprehensive on-line reporting system, known as the Public Authorities Reporting Information System (PARIS). This system combines the data needs of both offices into a common reporting format and eliminates the need for public authorities to make multiple filings of the same information. PARIS will allow public authorities to enter information, currently required to be provided under Public Authorities Law, General Municipal Law and OSC Regulations, into a structured Internet-based application and to make a single simultaneous electronic submission to both the ABO and OSC. Implementation of PARIS is scheduled for November 2007.

To safeguard the integrity of the data, every public authority will be asked to designate an individual as the Primary Authorizer, who will be responsible and accountable for creating and maintaining the accounts of eligible PARIS users for their own authority. In the coming weeks, Primary Authorizers will be provided instructions and training on how to create and manage user accounts in PARIS.

Beginning in October, eligible PARIS users will be trained on how to access PARIS with an individualized user ID and password, how to enter, review, approve and submit required information, and how to use the system's functionality. The ABO and OSC are currently developing a training schedule, which will be provided to public authorities and posted to the ABO website when it is available.

The ABO and OSC recognize that PARIS may necessitate changes in the current business and reporting practices of some public authorities and may initially require additional effort on the part of public authority staff. However, as users become familiar with PARIS, the system will be an easy, efficient, and cost-effective way for public authorities to meet their statutory reporting requirements.

Please visit www.abo.state.ny.us/paris/paris.html for additional information over the coming weeks. Additionally, to ease this transition, ABO and OSC staff will be available to answer questions, clarify instructional materials public authorities will be receiving on PARIS and assist with any concerns.

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