IFS Newsletter

The More We Know, The More We Grow!

Fall/Winter 2026

1099s with TriMin

There was some concern regarding TriMin's change to printing 1099s from the IRIS system. TriMin will estimate the effort to make the updates to accommodate 2026 tax year 1099 forms so users can decide if they want to keep a backup option for printing rather than only relying on IRIS. This estimate will be for retaining and updating the "print recipient forms". It will not include the "print overlay" options.

1099 Reminders!

If you have been assigned an Identity Protection PIN (IPPIN), it is only valid for one (1) year. The IRS sends a CP01A notice each year (mid-Dec. to early-Jan.) with your new IPPIN. Store this number ***securely*** - it pertains to your personal data. If you opted for paperless, the notice will be available in your IRS profile.

The threshold for filing information returns electronically was reduced in 2024. If you file more than 10 returns, you must file electronically - E-File Information Returns help here.

As CP2100A notices are received, be sure to take the required steps for correcting and backup withholding, if necessary.

Training Recap

We had almost 70 attendees at this year's training! With 3 presentations and 2 hours of breakout stations, it was a great way to connect with our peers from across Minnesota. Materials are attached to this message and on the TriMin portal!



Mapping Benefits!

Mapping the chart of accounts in IFS will facilitate efficiencies in financial reporting and audit preparation.

County management retains responsibility for financial statements, and maintaining account mappings strengthens ownership, internal controls, and audit independence.

Generating financial statements in IFS before the audit helps identify and resolve issues early, reducing year-end audit adjustments and audit time.

Agreed-upon account groupings and direct comparison of IFS reports to audited statements streamline the review process and improve audit efficiency.

IFS Release 7.1

Release 7.1 went to Beta on October 30 and is being tested by eight counties! It includes ten enhancements. The release notes are on the New Releases tab of the TriMin Customer Portal (govportal.trimingov.com).

Crystal Reports

A proof of concept is underway to plan the replacement of Crystal Reports in IFS, including what it will take to make the new reports ADA compliant. More to come once it's complete. If you have questions or concerns about Crystal Reports, let us know!

Disaster Recovery

Disaster recovery planning, including backups and server/database recovery, is handled by each county's IT staff and hosting provider. TriMin supports the application side: installation instructions are on the TriMin Customer Portal, and on request we can help reinstall IFS during a recovery event. For counties interested in TriMin hosting, application disaster recovery will be addressed in the hosting contract being developed with MnCCC.

This is our standard recommendation for counties as it relates to Disaster Recovery.

For counties who host systems locally, responsibility for security and backup rests entirely with county IT staff. In those environments, we strongly recommend:

- Multiple backup copies across different media types
- At least one off-site, off-network backup outside the server's physical region
- Clearly defined short-term and long-term backup retention policies (daily, weekly, monthly)
- Implementation of immutable backups, which are critical for ransomware protection and modern cyber resilience

If immutable storage or off-site protection is not currently in place, we strongly encourage consulting with your IT team to address this risk.

Share Your Ideas

We want to hear from you! Do you have training topics you'd like to see? Share those ideas with us by scanning the QR code!

IRIS Info

Don't forget to register for the **Information Returns Intake System (IRIS) 101 Meeting**
Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 12:00 PM

IRIS Application for TCC Issues for Government Agencies Sharing an EIN
Government entities should begin transitioning from FIRE to IRIS in preparation for the 2027 filing season. The first step in the process is to complete the IRIS Application for Transmitter Control Code (TCC). You may receive an error message when submitting the application, stating the TCC already exists. Agencies sharing a single EIN can only have one application. Due to disclosure laws, the IRS is only able to share information with authorized users listed on the application. Please communicate internally to complete and maintain the application. Anyone experiencing this issue should contact the IRS Office of Governmental Liaison at pgld.glds.gov.liaison@irs.gov for assistance.

Resources

The IFS Training and Enhancements Committees are always looking for new participants! Whether you want to sit in on a meeting or get involved as a committee member, we want you to join us! Add these groups and their meetings to your RSVP profile today!

Training is available through IFS Golden and the TriMin Customer Portal.

Have a question for the IFS Users? Visit our new Peer Support Forum (IFS Golden account required)!