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**To:** Department Information Resource Managers  
(Please distribute to your appropriate staff members)

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**Subject:** RMDS and \$AVRS Product Replacements

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The Systemware Automated Output Management Products have been selected as a replacement for RMDS and \$AVRS. These products include:

**X/PTR:** An MVS based system for managing reports and documents. X/PTR provides a comprehensive approach to the management of information through archiving, on-line viewing, bundling, and administration. X/PTR provides all of the functionality of RMDS. In addition, it provides many new features such as powerful and flexible indexing including global (across reports and time) and data extraction with Boolean logic through its text query feature.

**JHS:** The Automated SYSOUT/SYSLOG Management System, JHS, captures JES2 data sets (the JES log, JCL and system messages) from batch jobs for later online viewing. JHS information can be accessed from any TSO, CICS, or VTAM terminal. Hard copy can be routed to remote output devices using JHS output drivers. **This is the replacement product for \$AVRS.**

In addition to the report viewers previously available in RMDS and now available in X/PTR, users will be able to access reports through the following:

**X/TND:** X/TND is a Windows compatible report viewer and powerful data manipulation product. X/TND enables the end-user, in a multi-window environment, to view reports and documents concurrently on a PC. Features include download and local print capabilities with reformatting, flexible indexing and full search capabilities. In addition to X/TND, we have acquired AFP Resource Manager (ARM) and Xerox Print Support (XRM). These products automatically identify the print stream, store the

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resources and text in X/PTR, and present an interpreted view on a 3270 terminal or a graphical image on a PC through X/TND. Both products provide the ability to reprint any historical document in its original format.

**X/NET:** Delivers the full viewing and printing functionality of X/PTR through a Web Browser, via the Internet/Intranet.

Finally, we have acquired a conversion tool:

**RMDS Legacy Archive Processor (LAP):** This tool provides the ability to convert RMDS reports on demand for viewing from and storing in X/PTR.

Online manuals for the Systemware products are available through Book Manager under the SYSWARE bookshelf.

### TRAINING

Two Train-the-Trainer X/PTR User classes have been scheduled for 3/2/99 and 3/4/99. Due to limited seating, **only one person can attend** from each department. This is a Train-the-Trainer class, **not a user training class**. The class attendees will be expected to provide guidance to others in their department on the use of the Systemware products. A User Self Study Guide will be provided to each trainer for departmental customization.

In addition, two X/PTR Administrator classes have been scheduled for 3/2/99 through 3/3/99 and 3/4/99 through 3/5/99. Current RMDS Administrators are urged to attend one of the administrator classes.

To sign-up for any of the X/PTR classes, please call Sandy Herrera at 919/981-2603.

For the JHS product, comprehensive documentation is available in Book Manager under the SYSWARE bookshelf as well as extensive online HELP and tutorial facilities. All of these options eliminate the need for user training.

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### IMPLEMENTATION

Systemware's JHS product will replace the \$AVRS product on **3/14/99**. For 60 days after this date, users will be able to access \$AVRS for job information stored prior to 3/14/99. (All job information in \$AVRS will remain in the \$AVRS archive for its normal archive period.) For job information stored on or after 3/14/99, access will be provided through JHS.

The RMDS replacement product, X/PTR, will be available for User Acceptance Testing beginning 3/15/99. This will be a parallel test with production. **All RMDS reports will continue to be archived in RMDS until User Acceptance Testing is complete.** Beginning on 3/14/99, production reports currently being archived into RMDS will begin to be archived in Systemware, too.

On 3/14/99, RMDS control and report information will be converted and loaded into X/PTR. Report lists in X/PTR will provide report names of both RMDS and X/PTR stored reports. Old RMDS reports will be converted and made available through X/PTR **upon a viewing request in X/PTR**. Viewing and printing of reports on or after this date can be done in either RMDS or Systemware.

Each department will be responsible for completing their User Acceptance Testing and notifying ITS of the date to discontinue loading reports into RMDS. **Note: Since RMDS is not fully Y2K compliant, all departments should complete the User Acceptance Testing before the end of the year.**

### ACCESS

JHS and X/PTR will be available **from VTAM** by entering NCXPTR. **From TSO**, JHS and X/PTR will be available by selecting "O" from the main menu, "O" from the Other Commands Menu, and "X" for X/PTR and JHS .

**Watch for an additional TIB on how to access X/PTR through CICS, X/NET, and X/TND, coming in the next few weeks.**

If there are any questions regarding the Systemware products, please contact Sandy Herrera at 919/981-2603.