

## Notification: OMB M-06-16: Data Security Encryption Upgrade Mandate

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Good evening Mr. Eitches:

Please accept this communication as official notification pursuant to Article 3 of the HUD/AFGE collective bargaining agreement advising of an upgrade by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to the data security encryption tool on removable media devices. Removable media is defined as any and all USB flash drives, external hard drives, CDs and DVDs.

This upgrade is required by Federal mandate as noted in **OMB M-06-16** can be found at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy2006/m06-16.pdf>.

This upgrade will replace the individual file encryption currently utilized on removable media devices and, instead, encrypt the entire device and password protect it. This will allow customers to use the removable device in non-HUD computers to access the data without having to decrypt individual files. This solution provides the level of security required by the OMB mandate and improves usability as requested by customers. The implementation of this upgrade is planned to be staged from March 2014 through May 2014.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the action discussed in this notification, please contact the undersigned in the Employee & Labor Relations Division, HUD Headquarters. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

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