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<b>Policy Title:</b>	Disposal of Electronic Equipment/Storage Media		

<b>Synopsis:</b>	Guidance on Disposal of Storage Media, Personal Computers, Peripherals, Hand Held Devices, and Other Electronic Media That Stores State's Data.		
<b>Authority:</b>	Title 29, Delaware Code, §9004C - General powers, duties and functions of DTI "2) Implement statewide and interagency technology solutions, policies, standards and guidelines as recommended by the Technology Investment Council on an ongoing basis and the CIO, including, but not limited to, statewide technology and information architectures, statewide information technology plans, development life cycle methodologies, transport facilities, communications protocols, data and information sharing considerations, the technique of obtaining grants involving the State's informational resources and the overall coordination of information technology efforts undertaken by and between the various State agencies;"		
<b>Applicability:</b>	This Policy is applicable to all users of the State of Delaware communications and computing resources. DTI is an Executive Branch Agency and has no authority over the customers in Legislative and Judicial Branches, as well as School Districts, and other Federal and Local Government entities that use these resources. However, all users, including these entities, must agree to abide by all policies, standards promulgated by DTI as a condition of access and continued use of these resources.		
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## I. Policy

### DISPOSAL OF STORAGE MEDIA, COMPUTERS, MOBILE DEVICES, PRINTERS, COPIERS, PERIPHERALS OR OTHER PROPERTY THAT STORES DIGITAL DATA

When applicable assets are no longer suitable for use, they shall be destroyed according to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) [approved methods](#). This requirement applies to all permanent disposal of property identified by the Data Steward as containing State of Delaware confidential, secret, or top secret information. This requirement applies regardless of the identity of the recipient, e.g. transfer to schools via [Partners in Technology](#), Division of Support Services, Surplus Services or landfill disposal. The appropriate sanitization must be performed by authorized technicians who are qualified to perform such procedures. Certificates of destruction must be kept on file.

Whenever possible, computer purchases should include the option of retaining qualified hard drives while receiving a replacement drive. This maintains control over sensitive and confidential data and gives flexibility to identify the best method of disposal for failed drives. Click [here](#) for more information on [Dell's program](#).

For item(s) going in for maintenance and repair, equipment shall have a backup of the stored information/data taken for a future reinstall. Then the information/data shall be removed from the equipment to be serviced. Verification of the removal of the information/data must be certified by the technicians that are performing this function. This is done to reduce the risk of data leakage. Once the item is received back from repair and is functional, the information/data will be restored onto the equipment. If the drive is not functional, then the maintenance personnel performing the repairs must be bonded and sign the organization's confidentiality statement. A confidentiality reminder notice must accompany the equipment during this type of repair.



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## DISPOSAL OF PRINTED OUTPUT

Based on the data classification, the resulting printed media from the State's systems shall be disposed of based on the retention schedule from the Delaware State Archives, data classification, Data Custodian's agency policy, and all State and Federal guidelines. All printed media that contains data that is classified as State of Delaware confidential, secret, or top secret shall be shredded and destroyed to maintain the privacy, confidentiality, and integrity of the State's data. If the data on the printed medium is not considered State of Delaware confidential, secret, or top secret, then it may be recycled.

## II. Definitions

None.

## III. Development and Revision History

Initial version established March 27, 2004.

Reformatted version established August 7, 2006.

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## IV. Approval Signature Block

<b>Name &amp; Title:</b> Cabinet Secretary - State Chief Information Officer	<b>Date</b>  April 13, 2011



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