**DB Split Email Comm #1**

Subject: Remote Data Access (RDA) and Database Links Affected By the Upcoming Database Split

This communication will be the first in a series of announcements and reminders for staff who are listed as the primary contact for a pre-existing RDA (Remote Data Access) connection to the M-Pathways Student Administration & Human Resource Management System.

**Project Background**
In early June 2013, the current M-Pathways Student Administration & Human Resource Management System will be physically separated into two database instances. This project is more commonly known as the “Database Split.” The HEPROD system will become two distinct systems, known as CSPROD (i.e. Campus Solutions, or Student Administration) and HCMPROD (i.e. Human Capital Management, or Human Resources). This effort is a mandate from our software vendor, Oracle, with the intention of providing better service and new capabilities to each individual product and customer base.

ITS has created a website to provide additional information about this project: [http://www.mais.umich.edu/hrms/hrsa-db-split/](http://www.mais.umich.edu/hrms/hrsa-db-split/)
As we get closer to project implementation, additional detail will be added, so check back periodically for updates.

In addition to the split, ITS will also simultaneously retire the reporting environment known as the Operational Data Store (HEODS). In other words, this system will cease to exist beyond early June 2013.

**Campus Impacts**
This project has an impact on any remote data access (RDA) and/or database links that point to either HEPROD or HEODS. Since those environments will no longer be accessible, all existing RDAs/database links will need to be re-submitted via the Online Access Request System (OARS). RDAs accessing data from any of the data warehouse universes will be unaffected.
Failure to take action prior to established deadlines will result in non-functioning RDAs and the potential for unsuccessful business processes and/or stale reporting data. Specific timelines and due dates will be provided in future communications.

**Action Items/Next Steps**
Since the new CSPROD and HCMPROD environments are not yet available, there is no need to try and re-submit any RDA/DB Link requests at this time. In the coming weeks, you will be contacted again with additional details regarding those RDAs/DB links for which you are listed as an owner. ITS will consult with you to determine the best course of action for each RDA/DB link. If you are already familiar with your department’s list, feel free to review it and consider the following questions:

1) Is this RDA/DB Link still needed and/or actively used?
2) Is the list of database tables originally requested still valid based on your area’s business needs?
3) If the data is still needed, what is the best source from which to obtain it?

If you are not familiar with RDA setup and feel you have received this communication in error, or have any preliminary questions regarding this project, please contact the Database Split External Interface Group at dbsplitextinterface@umich.edu.