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## URGENT NOTICE

**To:** SU AgCenter Faculty and Staff

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**Subject:** Security/Purchase of Electronic Devices Connected to  
SU AgCenter Network

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Effective immediately, the Office of Technology Services (OTS) is requesting that ALL electronic devices (computer workstations, laptop computers and recently purchased workstations) be connected to the SU AgCenter's Network Security Server. This network has largely been open to the Internet over the past three years. Providing this open access to information technology is imperative to ensuring research and academic freedom at the Center.

An important part of providing this network access is ensuring that the network is secure 24/7. Recent attacks from viruses and worms and denial-of-service attacks have harmed our ability to provide 24/7 access to all members of the Center. In order to ensure continued access to information technology, we are requesting that ALL devices that are not connected be properly connected to the server. We are requesting that all technology devices which are requisitioned through the Center, be pre-approved by the OCTS. This is an effort to streamline duplication and obtain proper network inventory of all newly purchased hardware, software and other technology related items. All approved devices will be verified for proper security. **Note: We reserve the right to suspend access to preserve the integrity of the network.** Our goal is to provide guidance and ensure that the Center's technological devices are secure and available to all faculty and staff 24/7.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please call or email one of the members of our office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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