

The Electronic Cost Accounting and Timekeeping System (eCATS) is considered a good example of Green IT and promises to pay off big dividends in terms of saving print and energy costs. No longer will State timekeepers have to enter Individuals' pay-time information into a 40-year-old computer system and then print and deliver reams of paper in order to process payroll.

Currently more than 42,000 employees have adopted eCATS, which is an electronic version of CATS, an application originally implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Over the years, OIT partnered with DEP to refine the program for other State Departments and Agencies to use, and in 2010 took the lead to make it an Enterprise Solution. The system enables a direct feed into the State's payroll system, allows each employee immediate access to their available benefit time, and provides access anywhere the Web is available. Additionally, costly supplies of ink, toner and print cartridges will be eliminated making the eCATS system totally sustainable and more cost-effective than the old system.