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Among the many changes following in the wake of the new university governance structure is the elimination of the statewide system of Regional Data Centers. As a result, the Northeast Regional Data Center (NERDC) has been renamed "UF Computing & Networking Services," or simply CNS.

While the name NERDC has served long and well, it no longer reflects the organization's new mission and scope. Our services are now focused primarily on the University of Florida. These services will span computing, networking, telecommunications, operations, systems, security, and support.

In his memo to deans, directors, and department chairs announcing the name change, Vice Provost for Information Technology Chuck Frazier said, "I want to formally congratulate and thank the long time director Ron Schoenau and a fine staff for their great service to UF and to a number of regional customers."

Under the leadership of recently appointed director Tim Fitzpatrick, CNS will continue to provide the UF community with the central computing and networking services so crucial to our teaching, research, and service mission. The merger of Networking and Telecommunications under the CNS organization also positions UF for the convergence of voice and data services over a common network.

While provision of CNS services will be concentrated on the University of Florida and mission-critical systems and operations such as hosting the PeopleSoft ERP modules [for more information about Bridges/ERP's latest developments, please see "New Bridges Equipment Delivered" [on page 6], CNS will continue to provide services to, and to value, external customers.

With these changes, CNS positions itself to better provide for the computing and networking needs of the UF community in today's rapidly changing Information Technology environment.

We will be in the process of changing the names of our publications and URLs for a time. You will see CNS on some documents and Web pages, and NERDC on others. We look forward to continuing to provide our users with excellent service in either case.

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