

## Bryley Tips and Information January 2009

### **1. Windows XP availability to distributors ends 1/31/2009**

After 1/31/2009, Microsoft will cease accepting orders of Windows XP. However, distributors who order Windows XP by 1/31 can schedule delivery up through 5/30/2009. Under this flexible-inventory program, distributors will likely order more Windows XP licenses than previously expected, but can hold delivery (and payment) until 5/31.

Bryley recommendation: If you need more Windows XP PCs, order them in Q1, 2009.

Please visit <http://www.crn.com/nl/software/212501445> for details.

### **2. Request GOBI with new notebooks**

Global Mobile Internet (GOBI) is a powerful, built-in, wireless solution fast becoming the embedded wireless of choice. GOBI supports multiple, high-speed, G3 network technologies, which provides freedom of choice for GOBI-enabled notebook-computer users.

Bryley recommendation: Ensure new notebooks have embedded GOBI technology.

For more information, please visit <http://www.gobianywhere.com/>.

### **3. Get your Bryley Data-Backup Guidelines for 2009**

Bryley Systems publishes a comprehensive guideline to backup of server-based data. These guidelines are oriented primarily to tape backups, but provide background on other options (like Bryley's Backup/Disaster Recovery solution). Specific procedures for tape-based backups and a calendar of tape rotation and cleanings are included.

To download, visit [www.Bryley.com/News.htm](http://www.Bryley.com/News.htm) and select Data-Backup Guidelines for 2009.

### **4. Announcements, news, and events**

Bryley Systems makes BBJ's The List – Bryley Systems Inc. ranked 40<sup>th</sup> largest IT consulting firm in Boston Business Journal's "Area's Largest IT Consulting Firms" list presented in the October 31-November 6, 2008 issue. (See <http://Boston.BizJournals.com/>.)

Complying with 201 CMR 17.00 – Please join Bryley Systems for a free, how-to seminar on complying with Massachusetts 201 CMR 17.00, focusing primarily on the computer-system security requirements of this regulation.

These seminars will be held at 9:00am at Bryley's second-floor conference room in Hudson, MA. Refreshments will be served.

Seminar dates and times:

- January 14, 2009
- February 18, 2009
- March 18, 2009
- April 22, 2009

To reserve a seat:

- Call 888.280.5799, extension 207 and ask for Isa
- Visit [www.Bryley.com\Events.htm](http://www.Bryley.com\Events.htm).
- Email [Events@Bryley.com](mailto:Events@Bryley.com).

## **5. 201 CMR 17.00 – Massachusetts personal information regulation (reprint)**

In September, 2008, Massachusetts introduced 201 CMR 17.00: Standards for the Protection of Personal Information of Residents of the Commonwealth. Originating from a directive to the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations (OCABR), 201 CMR 17.00 was initially slated to take effect January 1, 2009, but has been pushed back to May 1, 2009.

This CMR (Codes of Massachusetts Regulations) is extremely significant to any person or organization that collects and retains personal information on even one Massachusetts resident. Under this CMR, personal information is defined as a Massachusetts resident's first name (or initial) and last name combined with social security number, driver's license number (or state-issued ID card), or financial account number (including credit or debit card number). 201 CMR 17.00 is designed to safeguard the personal information of Massachusetts residents by defining standards for collecting and handling this data, both physically and electronically.

Basic provisions of 201 CMR 17.00:

- Develop and maintain a comprehensive, information-security program that limits the amount of personal information collected and retained, and restricts access to this information, both inside and outside the organization
- Identify all possible locations where personal information is stored and restrict both physical and electronic access to these locations
- Monitor the information-security program regularly and review the scope of its security measures at least annually
- Document and review all breaches of information-security policy
- Take disciplinary measures when a breach of security occurs

It also states these computer-system-security requirements relative to personal information use:

- Provide secure, restricted access and require authentication to all computer systems
- Encrypt all records transmitted wirelessly or over a public network (i.e.: the Internet)
- Encrypt all personal information stored on portable devices (like notebook computers)
- Protect all computers connected to the Internet with a firewall, patch these computers regularly, and deploy and maintain malware-resistant utilities on these computers
- Monitor computer systems for unauthorized use or access to personal information
- Educate and train employees on these security measures



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Please call Bryley Systems at 888.280.5799 for information on complying with 201 CMR 17.00, or join one of our upcoming, free seminars on this topic.