

The RAS Transfer Tool

Are you tired of spending lots of time and using a handful of disks to copy your accounting software files for your CPA? We have a solution. The Accounting and Consulting Services (ACS) Department at Lane Gorman Trubitt, L.L.P. (LGT) encourages the use of a service called Remote Accounting Solutions (RAS) to access our clients' accounting data. RAS is a revolutionary tool used to access data in the fastest and most secure manner possible. Here is a synopsis of what RAS will do:

RAS installs The Tool (software) on the client's computer and on the accountant's computer. RAS then handles all training and support. To transmit data, the client simply connects to the internet, opens The Tool, enters their password, and clicks one button. The software automatically does a backup, compression and encryption. At the other end, the accountant receives an e-mail notification that a file was sent. He/she then uses the software to retrieve the client's data or view it on their desktop. During a retrieval of a file, the software automatically does a backup, decompression, and decryption.

Clients have the option to send their data to their accountant in one of two formats – a review file or a working file. A review file is essentially a copy of the data at a single point in time. It cannot be sent back to the client. The accountant can work on a review file in his/her office while the client is still able to work on the live file in his/her office. A working file, however, must be sent back to the client. When a client sends a working file, the files on his/her end are temporarily hidden and cannot be used until they are returned by the accountant. LGT's ACS Department generally uses the review file capabilities since we require our clients to approve any journal entries and adjustments deemed necessary to their books and records.

When initiated through LGT, RAS is very economical, costing only \$10 per month, for an unlimited number of transfers during the month.

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