# Power & Water Customer Collaboration Documentum:

# Request for Information (RFI)



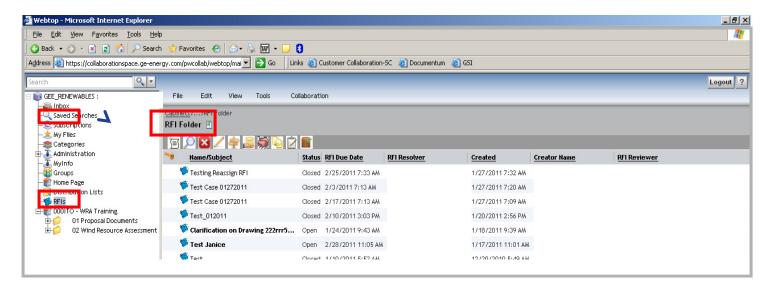
## **Module Objectives:**

- 1. Overview of Request For Information (RFI)
- 2. Member Roles for RFIs
- 3. Create an RFI
- 4. Other Creator Actions
- 5. Change Routing
- 6. Reply to an RFI
- 7. Other Resolver Actions
- 8. View and Print an RFI
- 9. Role Action Matrix



### **RFI** Overview

- A Request For Information (RFI) form is created by internal/external parties to ask 'official' questions
- RFI forms are routed for reply and completion
- When completed, RFI comments and responses are part of the project record
- RFI's are monitored by GE for timely response and accuracy of answers

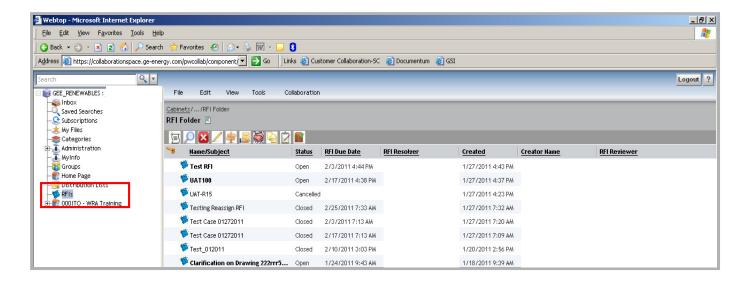


RFI is a 'node' on the Navigation Tree to left of workspace - click it to open the RFI Folder. Take all action on RFIs here or from Inbox.



### **RFI** Overview

- RFIs in the RFI node belong to project currently selected (in the example below, the RFIs belong to project "000ITO – WRA Training")
- GE team: All RFIs are listed and can be viewed, including RFIs in which there is no direct role; GE team can only act on RFIs in which they have a role
- External Parties: Only can view and act on RFIs they created or in which have a role

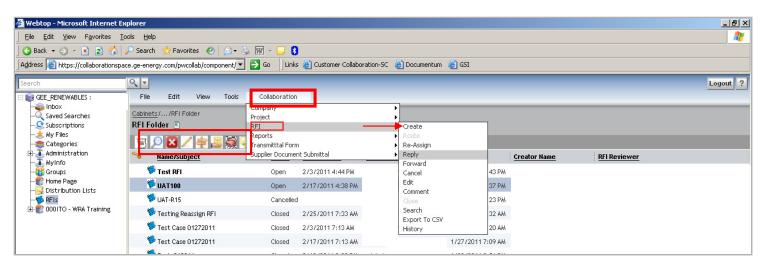


\*If the RFI name is bold = RFI is "Open" and you have a role



### **RFI User Roles**

- Creator always has access to RFI, recipient of final Reply/Completion
- Resolver the single user responsible for providing Creator with Reply/Completion
- Reviewer responsible for providing information to Resolver (comments and /or attachments)
- Information no responsibility, read-only access to RFI
- Forwarded RFI Recipient responsible for providing information to Resolver (comments and /or attachments)

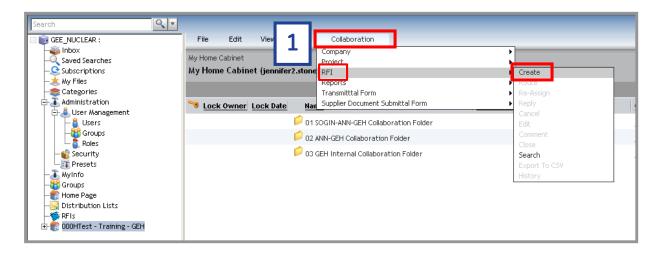


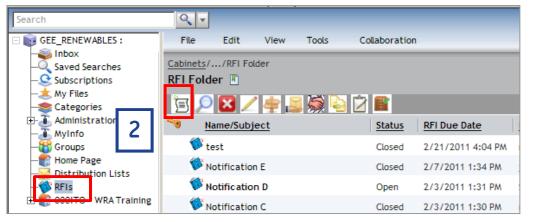
To Take Action: Select RFI - Right Click for Menu or Choose Icons for Commands or Click on "Collaboration" Menu Option, then "RFI"



#### Create an RFI

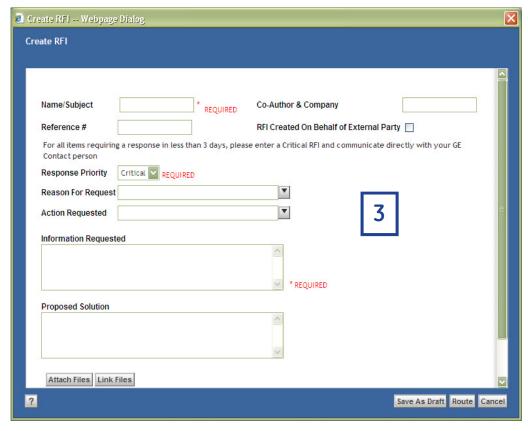
- 1. Click "Collaboration" from menu, select "RFI", then "Create"
- 2. From RFI node, click "Create" icon







#### Create an RFI



3. Complete mandatory fields (optional fields as needed)

#### **RFI Form Fields:**

<u>Co-Author & Company</u>: used to indicate who is true 'owner' of request, if RFI is being completed on someone's behalf

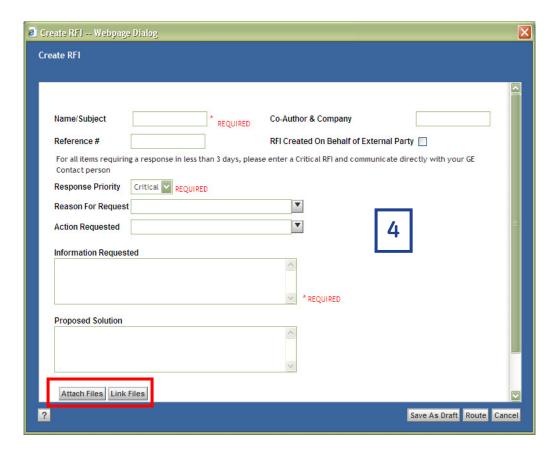
Reference #: used if organization has specific numbering requirements

RFI Created on Behalf...: used to indicate if is created on behalf of an external party

Response Priority: criticality ranking for RFI.



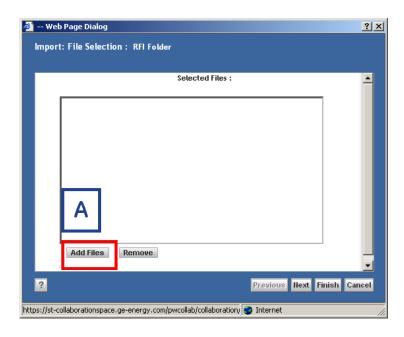
#### Create an RFI



- 4. "Attach Files" to RFI from local drive and/or "Link Files" from project folders.
- \* "Attached" files will reside only in the RFI. "Linked" files from the project folders will retain the security levels of their source folder even when attached to the RFI.

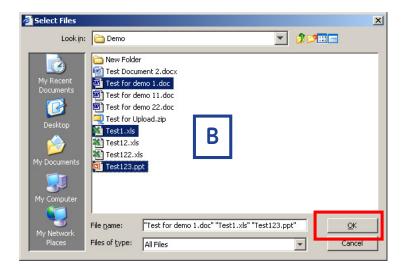


# Create an RFI Attach Files to RFI Form

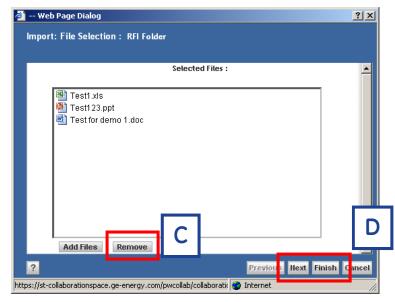


A. Click "Add Files" to navigate to local drive



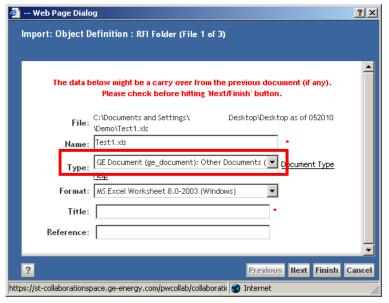


B. Select file(s) and click "OK"



C. Review files, select file to "Remove" as needed D. Click "Next" or "Finish" to continue

# Create an RFI Attach Files to RFI Form

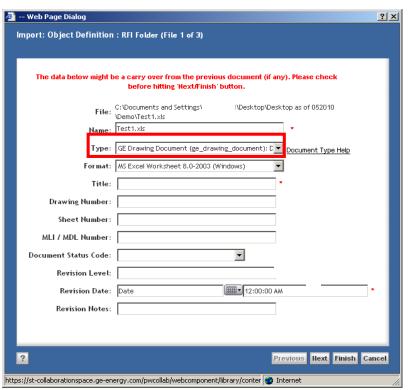


#### File Type:

Other Document: typically for non-version controlled files, non drawings/specifications with minimal attributes (file meta-data) required



- Select "Type" to define attribute fields appropriate to file
- Complete mandatory (\*) fields... optional fields as needed
- Click "Next" to add attributes on next attachment or "Finish" if final attachment



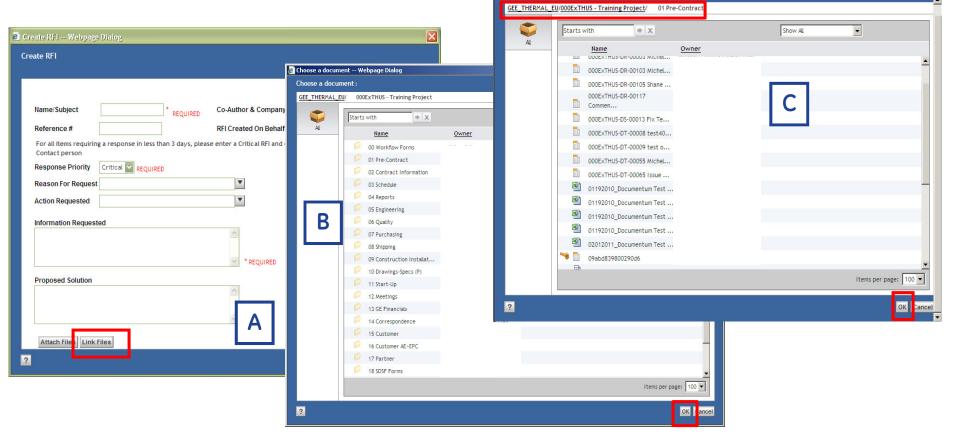
#### File Type:

<u>Drawing Document:</u> used for GE drawings or specifications that <u>ARE</u> version controlled. More attributes (file meta-data) are required and associated with file



# Create an RFI Link Files to RFI Form

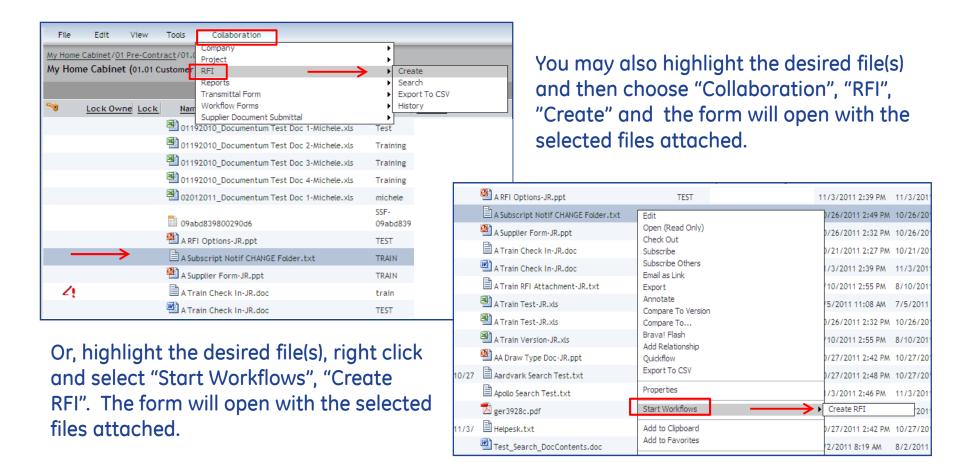
\*Use "Cookie Crumb" link at top to navigate back through folder structure



- A. Select "Link Files" to choose files from project folders
- B. Double-click folders to 'drill down' to files for linking
- C. Select file(s), click "OK" to continue



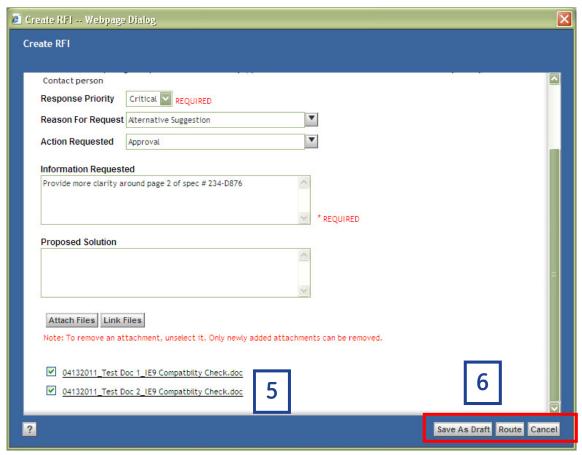
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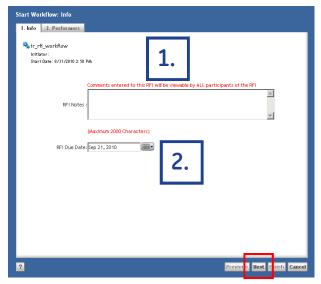
# Create an RFI Complete RFI Form

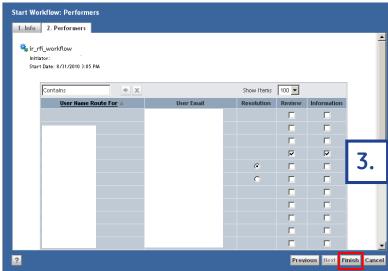
- 5. Review attached files and 'uncheck' to remove as needed
- \*Attached files can <u>only</u> be removed at time of attachment files cannot be removed after RFI has been routed
- 6. Click "Save as Draft" to complete RFI later; click "Route" to send RFI, or click "Cancel" to discard RFI form





#### Route an RFI





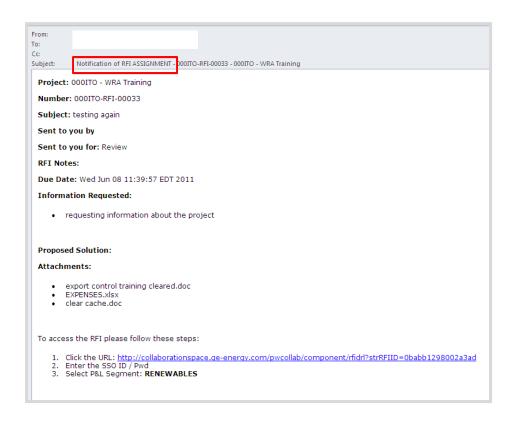
- 1. All comments are viewable to all participants on the RFI.
- 2. The RFI due date will automatically default to the present date. You may enter any future date. Click "Next".
- 3. Select the Performers. Only one person can be assigned "Resolution"\* responsibility. An unlimited number of users can be assigned for "Review" or "Information". Click "Finish".

\*Not all users have "Resolution" permission.



# **Email Notification – Initial Routing**

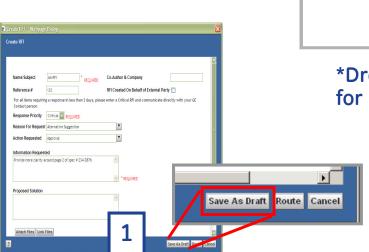
All performers on the RFI will receive an email notification. If you are the Resolver or a Reviewer, a task is also placed in your Documentum Inbox.

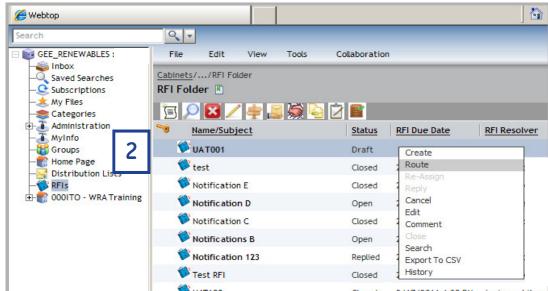




### RFI - Save as Draft

- 1. After completing fields and/or attaching files click "Save as Draft" to complete later
- 2. RFI form is saved in RFI node. To perform actions on Draft RFI, select; right-click it to open menu, select action



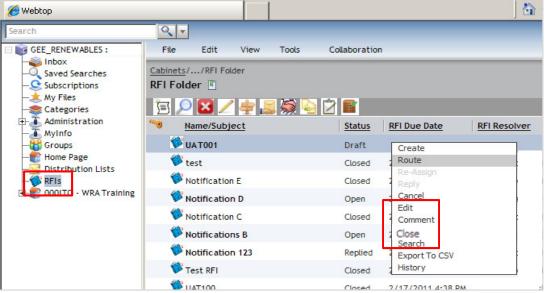


\*Draft RFIs may be Edited, Cancelled, Routed for Resolution or Commented to.



## **Other Creator Actions**

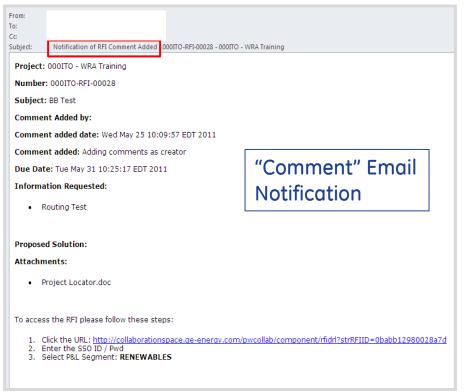
- Always has access to RFI, recipient of final Reply/Completion.
- Can "Edit" RFI content to provide more detail, request additional information and include new attachments. May also choose "Comment" to add comments/attachments. Has the ability to "Change Routing" to replace the Resolver and add more Reviewers or users receiving the RFI for information. Email notifications will be sent (see next slide) to the performers.
- Can "Cancel" an RFI as needed, removing tasks from Resolver/Reviewers' queues. An email notification will be sent to the performers.
- Can "Close" an RFI once the Resolver has performed the Reply Complete action.

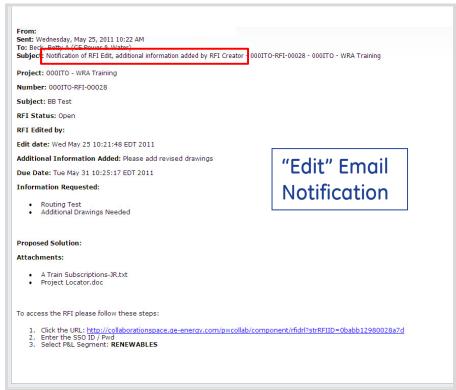


From the RFI node, right click an RFI to take action



## Email Notifications - Comment/Edit

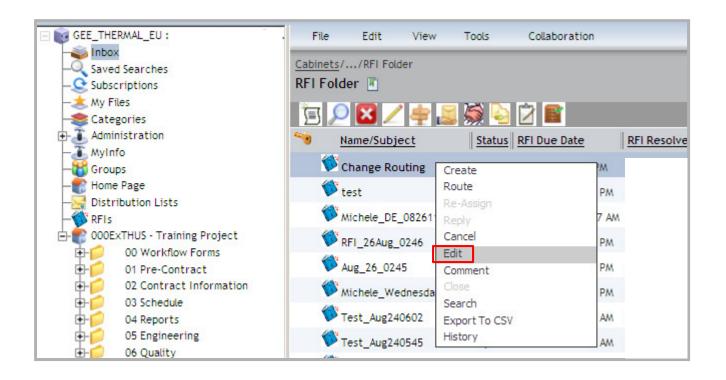




\*An email notification will also be sent when an RFI is cancelled.

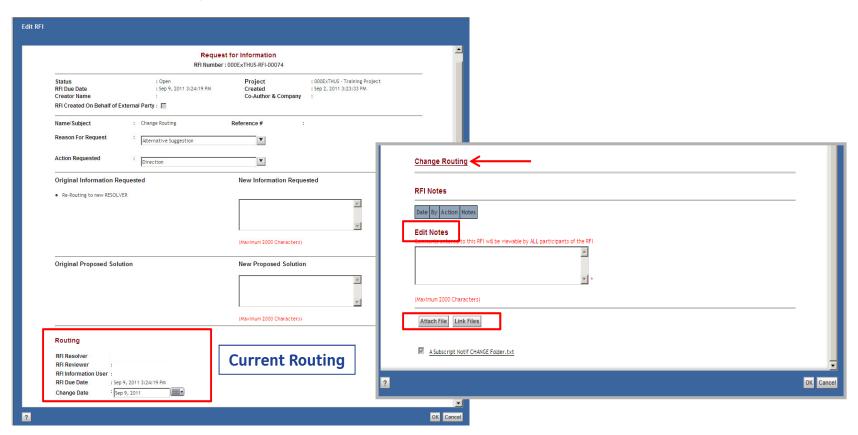


The Creator is able to change the routing of an in-progress RFI. Select it, right click then choose "Edit", or you may open the RFI and choose "Edit" at the top of the form.



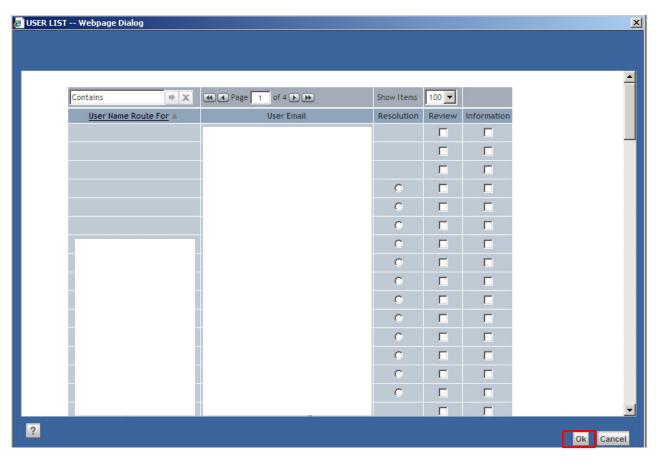


In the bottom portion of the opened form, the Creator is required to complete the "Edit Notes" section and may add attachments. Click "Change Routing". The USER LIST will open.





You may choose a new Resolver, add reviewers and users receiving the RFI for information. Click "Ok" to complete action.



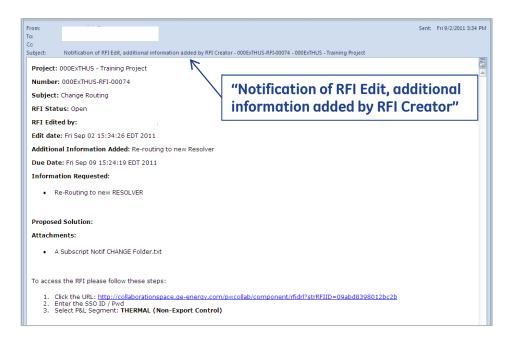


The screen refreshes and the form opens to show the changed routing. The information is also updated in the RFI node.



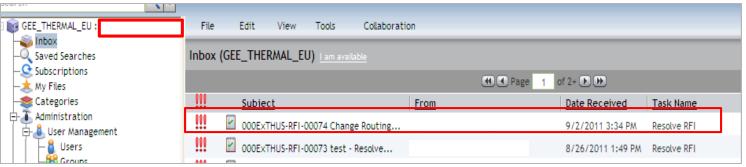






The new parties will receive an email notification and those with action items will see a task in their Documentum Inbox.

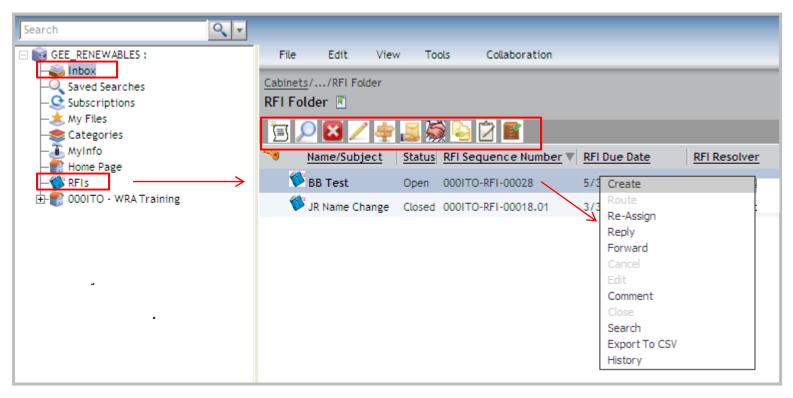
Take the appropriate action as required to complete your action in the RFI as you normally would.





# RFI - Reply

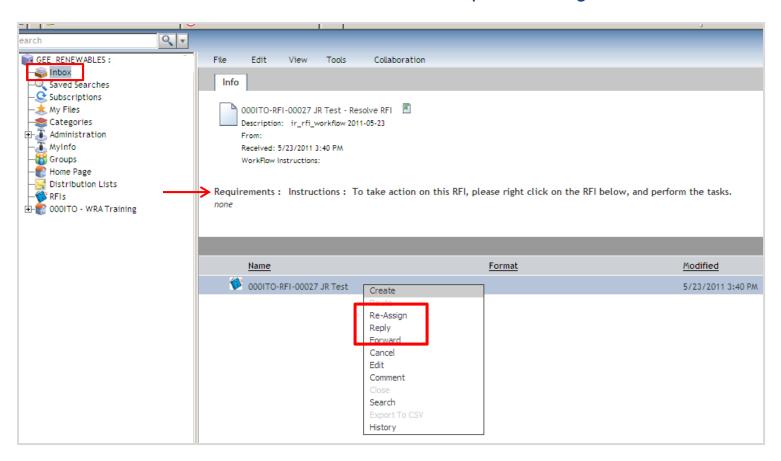
Only the "Resolver" has the authority to "Reply" to an RFI. The Reviewers may add comments/attachments. The Resolver can act on the RFI from the link in the email notification. To reply to an RFI from the RFI node, select it, right click and choose "Reply". You may also use the menus icons. To reply from the Inbox, double click on the RFI to open, then right click (see next slide).





# RFI - Reply

From the Inbox, choose and double click the RFI to open, then right click to take action





## RFI - Reply

Input the "Final RFI Notes", choose "Action" (the Resolver has the option to reply but leave the RFI open, complete the RFI and it will be closed by the Creator, or complete and close the RFI). The Resolver can attach or link files with the reply. Click "Ok" to complete action.

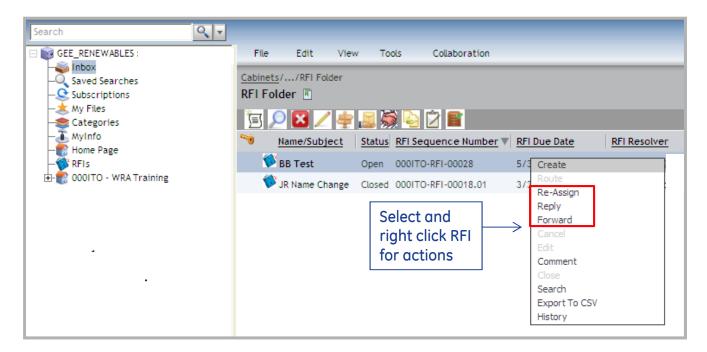
An email notification will be sent to all performers.

Information Requested		
Confirm routing		
Proposed Solution		
Resolution		
Routing		
RFI Resolver : RFI Reviewer : RFI Information User : RFI Due Date : Jun 13, 2011 3:40:18 PM		
RFI Notes		
Date By Action Notes		
Final RFI Notes		
Comments entered to this RFI will be viewable by ALL participants of the RFI	Action	Reply - Complete - Close  Reply - Leave Open
(Maximum 2000 Characters)	Basic Cause Code	Reply - Complete Reply - Complete - Close
	Near Root Cause	
	Root Cause	
Attach Files   Link Files		
Project Locator.doc		



### Other Resolver Actions

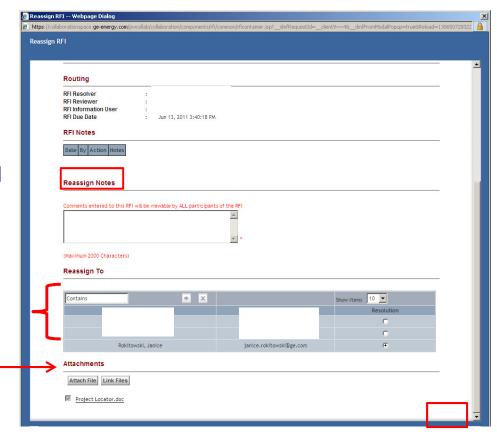
- <u>Re-Assign</u> The Resolver may designate the resolution responsibility to another user, therefore removing themselves as a performer altogether (and removing their Documentum Inbox task).
- <u>Forward</u> The Resolver may "Forward" an RFI to other users for response and the exchange between the Resolver and the Forwarded parties is <u>private</u>.
   The Resolver may elect to, or not to include these responses in their reply to the RFI Creator.





## RFI – Re-Assign

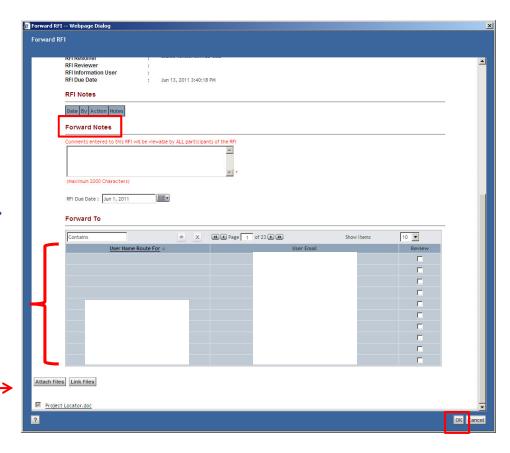
- 1. Complete the mandatory field "Reassign Notes".
- 2. Select the user (one only) for reassignment and click the radio button in the "Resolution" column.
- 3. Attach/link additional files as needed
- 4. Click "Reassign". The reassignment is complete.
- 5. The re-assigned user will receive an email notification and is now the "Resolver" and responsible to "Reply" to this RFI.





### RFI - Forward

- 1. Complete the mandatory field "Forward Notes".
- 2. Select the user(s) to forward to by checking the box(es) in the "Review" column.
- 3. Attach/link additional files as needed
- 4. Click "OK". The RFI will be forwarded.
- 5. The Resolver and user(s) chosen for forwarding will receive an email notification.





## RFI - Forward

The recipients may either "Comment" or "Reply" (also "Forward" to other users as necessary) and attach or link files with either action. An email notification is sent to the Resolver and all forwarded parties. When the Resolver closes the parent RFI, the separate forwarded RFI (denoted by .01, .02, etc. following the RFI sequence number) is also closed and the task is removed from the forwarded parties' Documentum Inbox.

#### Reply to a forwarded RFI:

- 1. Complete the mandatory field "Final RFI Notes".
- 2. Attach/link additional files as needed
- 3. Click "OK". The RFI will be returned to the Resolver.
- 4. The Resolver and user(s) chosen for forwarding will receive an email notification.



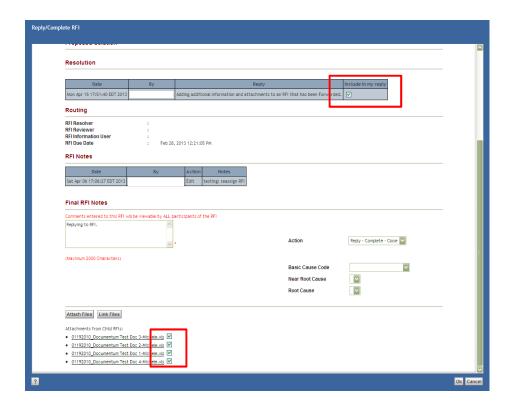


### RFI – Reply – Include Forwarded Responses

The Resolver of an RFI may elect to include the response and files from RFI's that were Forwarded to other users by following the steps listed below. The Resolver would then add "Final RFI Notes", choose an "Action" and select "OK" as outline on Page 26.

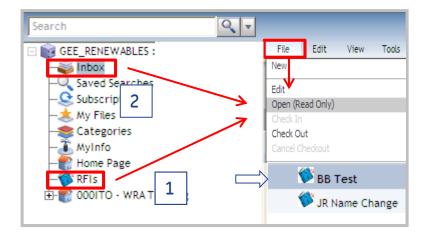
#### **Include Forwarded Responses:**

- In the Resolution field check "Include in my reply"
- 2. Attach any files from the Forwarded RFI by checking the box next to the file to be attached.
- 3. Proceed with Reply actions as outlined on Page 26.





### RFI - View and Print



To open (view) the RFI from the:

- 1. <u>RFIs</u> node select and double click the RFI or choose "File", "Open (Read Only)".
- 2. <u>Documentum Inbox</u> select the RFI, choose "File", "Open (Read Only)" or right click the RFI, Select "View" and in the window that follows both options, double click the RFI to open.

If you received an email notification as a 000ITO-RFI-00049 JR Training - Resolve RFI role member, you may also use the link at nice. History View 1234567-DR-00006 Training Documentation the bottom to access the RFI. 2 000ITO-RFI-00049 JR Training - Resolve RFI Description: ir\_rfi\_workflow 2011-08-24 Received: 9/2/2011 2:10 PM WorkFlow Instructions: Requirements: Instructions: To take action on this RFI, please right click on the RFI below, and perform the tasks. Double click to open. Modified

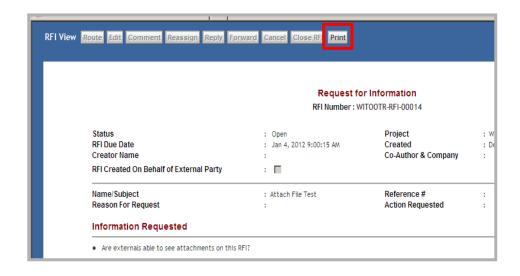
Format for RFI

8/24/2011 7:38 PM



000ITO-RFI-00049 JR Training

## RFI - View and Print



To print the RFI, open (read only) the form and choose the "Print" button at the top. A new screen will load to "Confirm Print". Click to print the RFI.

Confirm Print				
	Request for Information RFI Number: WITOOTR-RFI-00014			
Status RFI Due Date Creator Name RFI Created On Behalf of External Party	: Open : Jan 4, 2012 9:00:15 AM :	Project Created Co-Author & Company	: \ : [	



#### The Table Below Lists the Actions Allowed Within the Specific RFI Roles

	Comment	Cancel	Edit	Forward	Re-Assign	Reply-Complete	Reply-Complete-Close	Close (only After Reply-Complete)
Creator	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Resolver	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Reviewer	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Information	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

#### FYI:

- •Email notifications are sent to all involved parties when there is an action taken on the RFI.
- Once an RFI is closed or cancelled, it cannot be re-opened and no further actions can be taken.

