**End of Support Announcement for IBM Sterling B2B Integrator 5.1 and IBM Sterling File Gateway 2.1**

In an ongoing effort to provide reliable high-quality products and services, IBM provides support and fixes to maintenance paying customers for the current and next previous product versions.  Discontinuing support and publication of fixes for older versions of the product allows us to focus resources on enhancing product capabilities and support for more current versions, which are used by the vast majority of customers.

IBM will cease support and generation of fixes for the following two IBM Sterling product versions which were never “blue washed” to IBM standards:

**Product Version                   End of Fix              End of Support**

**Sterling B2B Integrator 5.1.x                    January 31, 2016 January 31, 2016**

**Sterling File Gateway 2.1.x January 31, 2016 January 31, 2016**

Customers running these versions should migrate to a more current version of IBM Sterling B2B Integrator or IBM Sterling File Gateway to maintain support.

Significant Enhancements in Sterling B2B Integrator 5.2.5 and Sterling File Gateway 2.2.5

The latest releases of IBM Sterling B2B Integrator (5.2.5) and IBM Sterling File Gateway (2.2.5) are now available. Sterling B2B Integrator 5.2.5 delivers significant enhancements over the 5.1 version of the product, including enhancements for B2B advanced communications, while Sterling File Gateway 2.2.5 updates support for the EBICS 2.5 protocol and includes new multi-file replay capabilities. Both Sterling B2B Integrator and Sterling File Gateway also include other updates such as a new Health Check Tool, improvements in mailbox performance and certificate and key management capabilities as well as ongoing updates to system requirements for operating systems and databases.

Staying current on product releases allows you to more easily upgrade as new features are introduced and as key technologies, including Internet security technologies, are updated to IBM's latest standards.

Upgrading to Sterling B2B Integrator 5.2.5 or Sterling File Gateway 2.2.5

If you are interested in exploring your upgrade needs please contact your sales representative

Here is the process for Distributed Software Customers

1. Contact your Sales Rep

2. Your Sales Rep will verify your entitlements

3. Upon verification, your Sales Rep will send you a download site

4. You will log into the download site and

 a. download the software

 b. Accept the IPLA

If you require assistance with your upgrade your sales representative will be glad to discuss the various professional services options that are available.

For further information, please contact your sales representative or log into the IBM Support site <http://www-947.ibm.com/support/entry/portal/Overview/Software/Other_Software/Sterling_B2B_Integrator>

Regards, IBM Product Management