

Remote Access

The key to being productive when working off site, be it during a business trip, on a telecommuting day or during a disaster, is to be able to access the GTRC/OSP centralized systems. For security reasons, these systems are protected behind two firewalls and an intrusion detection device

There are two methods to establish a secure connection to the GTRC/OSP network. One is using the [Firepass appliance](#) the other is the [Cisco Anyconnect VPN](#). Both methods establish the same type of connection; they just work a little differently. Some users find one method works better for them than the other, so it becomes a personal choice. Please note that you do not need to use both methods; use either Firepass or the Cisco VPN.

Using either method, it is a good practice to only stay connected as long as you are using networked resources within the RAB. When surfing the Internet or using other non-GTRC/OSP systems, your computer will perform faster if not connected to either Firepass or the Cisco VPN. The reason for this is that, when connected to either of these, all outgoing internet traffic is captured and funneled through whichever of these is active.

The links below provide additional information:

1. [Using Firepass](#)
2. [Installing the Cisco VPN](#)
3. [Using the Cisco VPN](#)