

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Information Technology

- WHEREAS, Every agency of State Government relies on technology, and technology impacts the ability of every State agency to serve the public;
- WHEREAS, Technology is a key component of the State's plan for progress in areas such as security integration, sustainability through energy and environmental reform, and workforce creation;
- WHEREAS, The Governor is responsible for a continuing review of the organization of the Executive Branch of the State government, and to make recommendations for change where change is warranted;
- WHEREAS, The public has the right to expect that State government will continue to look for ways to streamline operations and find efficiencies across State agencies as part of its obligation to restore fiscal responsibility;
- WHEREAS, In recognition of this Administration's commitment to improved technology as a critical part of making progress as a State, it is the intent of the Administration to seek changes to the law to establish the Department of Information Technology as a principal department of the Executive Branch of State government, and to make the Chief Information Technology Officer of the State a member of the Governor's Executive Council;
- WHEREAS, The new Department of Information Technology would have policy responsibility over information technology matters across State agencies, oversight authority over large scale information technology expenditures, programmatic oversight over large information technology projects, and authority to centralize common information technology functions and assets;
- WHEREAS, Consistent with the recommendation of the O'Malley/Brown Transition Team, the Administration will present legislation to the Maryland General Assembly to be introduced in the 2008 Legislative Session to accomplish those objectives; and

WHEREAS,

Executive branch employees need to take steps immediately to prepare for the coordination and streamlining of technology across all agencies in State government.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Chief information officers of all principal departments, agencies, and units shall cooperate with the Chief of Information Technology to look for opportunities to streamline information technology projects across State government, achieve cost-savings through economies of scale, consolidate enterprise-wide services where appropriate, and coordinate on security and disaster recovery planning.

B. The Chief of Information Technology shall participate directly in meetings of the Governor's cabinet and all subcabinet meetings involving technology matters.

C. The Chief of Information Technology shall participate directly in the StateStat process.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 30th day of November, 2007.

Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:

Dennis Schnepfe
Interim Secretary of State