WHEREAS, in order to enhance the services state agencies provide to the citizens of South Carolina on all fronts, it is necessary to better utilize our information technology resources while strengthening the security of our systems to ensure the safety of our data; and

WHEREAS, agencies can best utilize information technology and ensure the security of data when there is collaboration among stakeholders so that our limited resources can be leveraged on a statewide basis; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administration provides the vehicle for government agencies to collaborate and partner to improve the services they provide; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administration has developed a Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan designed to improve the State's ability to provide reliable, secure, cost efficient, and innovative information technology services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan and our overall efforts to improve the utilization of our information technology resources depends upon agency coordination and collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby order the Department of Administration to implement the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan as follows:

(1) As set out in the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan, Cabinet Agencies shall use the shared services from the Division of Technology Operations (DTO) as those services become available and in a sequence to be determined by DTO. Cabinet Agencies shall coordinate with DTO to accomplish a strategic transition to the shared services environment. Shared services include, but are not limited to: mainframe services, application hosting, servers, storage, network services, desktop services, and disaster recovery services. The State Chief Information Officer may grant an exception, to be revisited on a periodic basis, if DTO determines that it cannot immediately satisfy the technical or security capabilities required to support the agency in question.
(2) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, Cabinet Agencies shall comply with the rules, standards, plans, policies, and directives of DTO.

(3) With regard to information technology governance, standards, and enterprise architecture, Cabinet Agencies shall participate and comply with decisions determined by the information technology governance advisory groups.

(4) For consideration of the annual Appropriations Act budget submission, Cabinet Agencies shall submit all information technology budget requests to the Executive Budget Office (EBO) and DTO. The EBO and DTO shall jointly review the budget requests and recommend for funding consideration only those proposals that fit into the overall Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan.

(5) With the consultation and approval of DTO, Cabinet Agencies must create an information technology plan for purchases that exceed $50,000 to ensure compliance with the Statewide Strategic Information Technology Plan and the standards defined by DTO.

(6) Cabinet Agencies shall develop a three-year strategic plan for information technology, updated annually, for DTO that shall be approved by the State Chief Information Officer that sets forth: (i) operational and project priorities; (ii) budget summaries; (iii) planned projects and procurements; (iv) staffing plans; (v) security initiatives; and (vi) risks, issues, and concerns with the agency's information technology.

(7) Cabinet Agencies shall enter information technology costs into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) as directed by DTO and SCEIS.


NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State