

Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER MJF 02-06

Information Technology Policies

WHEREAS, Act No. 772 of the 2001 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to information technology, created the Office of Information Technology (hereafter "OIT") and the position of the chief information officer (hereafter "CIO") to manage and direct information technology initiatives and activities (hereafter "I.T.") for the agencies in the executive branch of government;

WHEREAS, the CIO is in the process of developing the state master plan and establishing I.T. standards, architectures, and guidelines for hardware, software, services, contractual arrangements, consolidation of systems and management of systems (hereafter "I.T. policies") for a number of I.T. initiatives for deployment and implementation throughout all state executive branch agencies;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 772, the CIO is required to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the administrative procedure act to implement the state master plan and establish such I.T. policies;

WHEREAS, this rule-making process will take several months and, during this period, agencies will be making I.T. purchases and budget decisions, which should be made consistently with the I.T. policies being developed; and

WHEREAS, in the best interest of the state of Louisiana, it is necessary to immediately authorize the CIO to establish and direct the implementation of I.T. policies for statewide application;

NOW THEREFORE, I, M.J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR., Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The CIO is hereby authorized to establish and direct the implementation of I.T. policies for statewide application within the executive branch.

SECTION 2: The CIO shall issue agency bulletins specifying the I.T. policies set for each affected executive branch agency. These agency bulletins will be published on

the Office of Information Technology's website at www.doa.state.la.us/oit and sent electronically to affected agencies and others.

SECTION 3: All executive branch agencies subject to the authority of the Office of Information Technology pursuant to Act No. 772 shall follow the I.T. policies set forth in the appropriate agency bulletins established by the CIO in both their current procurement activities and in their budget planning processes for preparing their executive budget requests for the next fiscal year.

SECTION 4: The CIO is authorized to grant exemptions to such agency bulletins on a case by case basis.

SECTION 5: The CIO shall continue with the process of adopting rules and regulations as required by Act No. 772. When such rules and regulations are adopted, they shall supercede any I.T. policies issued pursuant to this Order.

SECTION 6: This Order is not intended to and does not expand the authority of the CIO to any agency, entity, or program other than as provided in Act No. 772.

SECTION 7: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the CIO in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 8: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 27th day of March, 2002.

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
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Secretary of State
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