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New Technology Office Saved \$5.6 million in Two Months

BATON ROUGE – In the first two months of the fiscal year, the newly created Office of Technology Services (OTS) has already saved the state \$5.6 million. The savings were realized by consolidating hardware and software contracts, eliminating duplication of services, and streamlining support and maintenance throughout executive cabinet agencies.

The new agency began operations July 1, 2014 and is expected to save more than \$25 million by the end of the fiscal year. It combines the Office of Computing Services, the Office of Information Services and the Office of Information Technology as well as the internal technology functions of other executive cabinet agencies to create one organization that will manage the State's IT needs. Later this year, it will add the Office of Telecommunications Management.

OTS eliminates redundant and duplicative systems, maximizing purchasing power by combining procurements, establishing master purchase contracts for equipment provided by individual manufacturers, facilitating knowledge transfer, and leveraging agency resources.

SB 481 by Senator Jack Donahue created OTS and was signed by Governor Bobby Jindal to become Act 712 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

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