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Governor Whitman today submitted the appointments for the Office of Information Technology Governing Board with the Secretary of State.

The Governor signed an executive order creating the new Office of Information Technology (OIT) on September 4. The core mission of OIT is to use technology to make government services more affordable, accessible and responsive. OIT will assume all of the responsibilities of the current office of Telecommunications and Information Systems (OTIS) such as Internet and Intranet development, networks and client/server application development, as well as new tasks. The organization will now also address issues related to technology research, business process analysis, desktop support and statewide project coordination. This restructuring will allow New Jersey to be a national leader in using information technology to improve the quality of citizen services and reduce costs.

The governing board is in, but not of, the Department of Treasury and is composed of public and private members to ensure that the best practices from both sectors will be brought to the organization.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOVERNING BOARD

Appoint Honorable Jane M. Kenny from Highland Park. Kenny presently serves as New Jersey's Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

Appoint Honorable Michele Kent Guhl of Lawrenceville. Guhl is New Jersey's Commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

Appoint Herbert G. Vinnicombe of Bernardsville. Vinnicombe is Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Lucent Technologies.

Appoint Elahe Hessamfar of Morris Plains. Hessamfar is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Dun and Bradstreet.

Appoint Vincent J. Gurnari, Jr. of Pequannock. Gurnari is presently Vice President of Information Technology/Corporate Officer of C.R. Bard, Inc., a multinational developer, manufacturer and marketer of healthcare products.