

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 225

WHEREAS, the Office of Information Technology ("OIT") was established by, and granted powers through, Executive Order No. 84 (1984), Executive Order No. 87 (1998), and Executive Order No. 42 (2006); and

WHEREAS, all functions, powers, and duties from those prior executive orders were codified in OIT through the Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act of 2007, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-224 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, OIT has served an integral role in providing essential State services, developing the State's information technology infrastructure, and working to improve the efficiency of State government; and

WHEREAS, OIT is statutorily responsible for providing and maintaining the information technology infrastructure of the Executive Branch, including all ancillary departments and agencies of the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Technology Officer ("CTO"), as the head of OIT, is required to coordinate and conduct all information technology operations in the Executive Branch, including agency technology operations; and

WHEREAS, all Executive Branch departments and State agencies are required to cooperate fully with OIT and the CTO to ensure effective use of information technology within the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the advancements in computer technology during the past several decades have fundamentally and rapidly changed, and continue to change, how businesses and private citizens carry out their daily activities, as well as how departments and agencies conduct the business of State Government to serve the citizens of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Governor to define and establish the overall direction, standards, and priorities for the information technology community in the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, advancements in technology present innovative opportunities to combat emerging and evolving cyber threats and enhance the delivery of public services in a manner that is efficient, secure, and responsive to citizens' needs; and

WHEREAS, maintaining robust cybersecurity and preventing cyberattacks against the State's network infrastructure is critical to ensuring the safety, privacy, and confidence of the citizens of our State; and

WHEREAS, my Administration has invested and continues to invest in upgrading OIT data centers to meet industry-grade standards for security and reliability; and

WHEREAS, aligning the State's core information technology infrastructure footprint through server virtualization and the consolidation of dozens of server rooms into shared, enterprise-class data centers would enhance the efficiency, security, and reliability of State data and information technology services and ensure the protection of the State's information across the Executive Branch in a consistent and uniform manner, thereby enabling the State to better carry out its essential governmental functions and protect against cyber threats; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the Executive Branch's hundreds of legacy applications would eliminate obsolete code and accommodate the delivery of new online services at a pace commensurate with demand; and

WHEREAS, the CTO has undertaken a thorough review of the State's software development and maintenance functions and operations and has identified opportunities for decentralizing

software development and maintenance functions and operations for agency-specific applications that do not serve shared business requirements across the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the CTO's decentralization plan for software development and maintenance functions and operations, and related human resources and assets, will enable seamless institutional connectivity between unique business requirements and the application development life cycle, which is in the best interest of the State and the constituents of the Executive Branch; and

WHEREAS, the CTO's decentralization plan sets forth its conformance with the Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-224 et seq., the State Agency Transfer Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14D-1 et seq., and the Civil Service Act, N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq., as well all other applicable state or federal requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The CTO shall take any actions as are necessary and appropriate to accomplish the plan to decentralize software development and maintenance functions and operations for agency-specific applications that do not serve shared business requirements across the Executive Branch.

2. The CTO is hereby directed to undertake a thorough review of the State's information technology infrastructure, defined as computer, storage, network, and data center assets, to identify opportunities for centralizing common information technology functions and operations.

3. In carrying out this Order, the CTO shall be specifically authorized to ask department and agency heads to submit an inventory of all information technology infrastructure assets within a department's or agency's server room(s) or otherwise under the management of department or agency staff to the CTO within 30 days in a manner prescribed by the CTO. The CTO shall be authorized to transfer the ownership and management of any information technology infrastructure assets included in the aforementioned inventory submission.

4. The CTO shall be specifically authorized to ask department and agency heads to submit a roster of all staff performing information technology infrastructure functions and operations to the CTO within 30 days in a manner prescribed by the CTO.

5. The CTO shall inform the Governor of his plan for consolidating information technology infrastructure assets and functions pursuant to this Order no later than 180 days following the issuance of this Order.

6. The aforementioned recommendations from the CTO shall conform to the applicable provisions of the Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act, N.J.S.A. 52:18A-224 et seq., the State Agency Transfer Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14D-1 et seq., and the Civil Service Act, N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq., as well any other applicable state or federal requirements.

7. The CTO shall be specifically authorized to ask department and agency heads to submit to the CTO a roster of legacy applications in need of modernization within 60 days, as well as proposals for the modernization or decommissioning of such applications within 180 days, in a manner prescribed by the CTO.

8. The CTO shall enter into Service Level Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, or such other arrangements, as well as take such other actions, as are necessary and appropriate in the judgment of the CTO, to accomplish the recommendations contained in the aforementioned report and to carry out this Order.

9. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
1st day of June,
Two Thousand and Seventeen,
and of the Independence of the
United States, the Two Hundred
and Forty-First.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

/s/ Gregory L. Acquaviva

Chief Counsel to the Governor