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FROM: Angele Davis, Commissioner 

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RE: IT Centralization

In 2001, Act 772 created the Office of Information Technology, empowering the CIO to oversee and coordinate the centralization of technology systems, including consolidation, outsourcing, and sharing of statewide resources and services. The goal is to manage information technology from a *statewide* perspective, allowing agencies to easily share services and data, conduct interagency projects, share state employees' technical proficiencies, and provide better services to the public.

Much progress has been made. We have moved the equipment of over 30 state agencies into two central, secure data centers. We are well on our way to convert all state employees to a single,

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common e-mail system. But, we have only scratched the surface. And, while some agencies are participating, other agencies have resisted our efforts to centralize and consolidate IT, resulting in continued duplication and waste.

Louisiana's fiscal challenges now make it imperative that we step up the pace and work as a team to restructure our IT resources. We must increase efficiencies. We must reduce costs. Mr. Ed Driesse, CIO, is actively engaged in streamlining and budget initiatives. I have directed him to proceed immediately with plans to centralize the State's IT infrastructure and personnel resources. This includes consolidating hardware, software, and personnel for use as *shared* resources across *all* state departments. It includes outsourcing and shared services where that is cost-beneficial. And it includes updating and standardizing outdated IT procurement practices.

Ed's office will be contacting your IT Director in the near future to discuss plans in greater detail. Your cooperation is essential to assure success.

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