



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 416

Statement of Direction Relating to Proper Software License Compliance

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin recognizes that information technology is a key to providing better government service at reduced costs; and

WHEREAS, information technology has contributed to the state's economic growth and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, improper software licensure could further result in lost state corporate and sales tax revenues and may constitute copyright infringement in violation of federal law; and

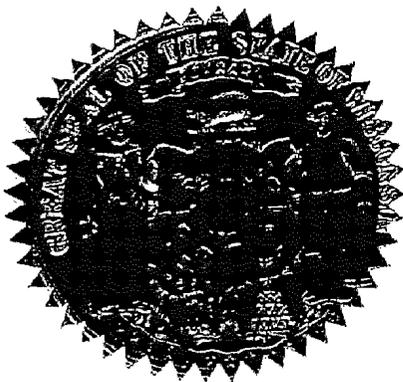
WHEREAS, the Thompson administration recognizes the need to develop a statewide response to ensure that only licensed software is in use at all state agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby:

1. Direct all state agencies to be educated on proper software license compliance.
2. Direct the Department of Administration to provide management oversight for state agency software compliance education initiatives; and
3. Direct the Department of Administration to:
 - a. Establish an information technology purchase policy that all purchases of software licenses be transacted through qualified resellers.
 - b. Enforce information technology contract terms for software license compliance in the state's information technology infrastructure where necessary.
 - c. Direct agencies to develop policies regarding proper licensure of software; and
 - d. Provide management oversight for agency education initiatives pertaining to software license compliance and United States copyright law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-fourth day of January the year two thousand and one.

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor



By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State