



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order # 242

Statement of Direction Relating to
the Management of Information Technology in the State of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, information technology is the key to providing better government service at reduced costs and serves as the foundation for efforts to re-engineer state government; and

WHEREAS, while the state of Wisconsin currently spends over \$250 million annually on information technology, benchmarks from the private sector indicate that the state could spend up to \$330 million annually to gain the full benefits of information technology; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-97 budget recommendations will include the creation of an Information Technology Investment Fund that will allow for the financing of an additional \$40 million investment in technology development during the 1995-97 biennium;

WHEREAS, each of the 53 state agencies currently operate information technology functions on an independent basis; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of mainframe information technology has provided annual savings of over \$10 million to the State of Wisconsin and illustrated the means by which savings and improved services may result from consolidation and coordination of information technology efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is a recognized leader in the use of information technology through the use of strategic planning and to build on that standing, this significant new investment in technology must be accompanied by increasingly innovative management of this resource to provide the most cost effective implementation;

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, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute 14.019, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that it is the intent of the Governor that there will be a current statement of direction on information technology at the Executive Level of the Office of the Governor at all times and that the Statement of Direction will be periodically amended as changes in technology dictate. This Executive Order shall be known as the Statement of Direction on Information Technology (IT).
2. It is my intent that the Department of Administration plan and administer the state's information technologies on an "enterprise" basis emulating the management of a private enterprise in that the state's strategic planning efforts will be focused on the Wisconsin state government as a "single corporate enterprise" and not the many separate agencies.

FURTHER, 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:

Direct that the Department of Administration will;

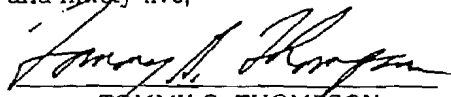
- a. prepare an enterprise infrastructure assessment of state agencies and institutions;
- b. establish enterprise information technology standards for the components of the state's IT infrastructure;
- c. prepare an information technology infrastructure initiative to provide a basic information technology infrastructure for all state agencies and institutions; and
- d. take whatever other actions required to operate the state government information technology enterprise as efficiently as possible.

With these actions, the department will ensure that state government is adequately structured and equipped for efficient and effective use of information technology for the next century.

FINALLY, 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 proclaim that all state agency and institution heads will be informed of this Executive Order, its statement of direction, its intent and its requirements for planning, managing and supporting the use of information technology on an enterprise basis in the State of Wisconsin.

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, Wisconsin, this first day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five,




TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State