

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER W-37-92

WHEREAS, information is a vital resource for the people of California, and the management of information is an essential function of California State government; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of opportunities for cost effective applications of information management technologies affect more than a single agency and must be addressed through multi-agency projects; and

WHEREAS, the State does not have an effective administrative structure for initiating the implementation of multi-agency projects; and

WHEREAS, the Agencies of the Governor's Cabinet comprise the body within State government best suited to exert executive authority over the initiation and implementation of projects affecting multiple State departments; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office of Information Technology is responsible for supporting the use of innovative information technologies within State government as a means of saving money, increasing worker productivity, and improving State services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services provides multi-agency services in the areas of procurement of information technology goods and services, provision of communications facilities, and training of technical management and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Customer Council, established by the Department of General Services, provides a continuing multi-agency perspective on opportunities for applications of information technology;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this order to become effective immediately:

1. It is the policy of the State to identify and respond to significant opportunities for reducing costs and improving services through new applications of information technology that meet the common needs of multiple agencies. Accordingly, the purpose of this order is to establish an appropriate administrative structure for the initiation and implementation of multi-agency information technology projects.
2. Hereby established is the Multi-Agency Information Management Authority, which shall:
 - a. Provide continuing leadership within State government for the identification, initiation and implementation of information management capabilities that are of a multi-agency scope.

- b. Assess the merits of potential multi-agency projects and initiate those projects that promise the greatest cost savings and operational efficiency.
 - c. Identify the resources to be contributed to multi-agency projects by the affected agencies and assign management responsibility for the successful completion of such projects.
 - d. Assign responsibility for implementing information systems established as the result of multi-agency project.
3. The Multi-Agency Information Management Authority is comprised of the undersecretaries of all cabinet level agencies and the chief deputy director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Funds for support of the Authority responsibilities specified in paragraph two above shall be made available from the existing budgets of the departments participating in multi-agency projects.
 4. Existing within the Department of Finance is the Office of Information Technology and within the Department of General Services, the Information Technology Customer Council, which shall:
 - a. Advise the Multi-Agency Information Management Authority of prospective multi-agency projects.
 - b. Provide administrative and technical support to the Authority in the planning and evaluation of prospective projects.
 - c. Report on a regular basis to the Authority on the status of multi-agency projects.
 5. The Multi-Agency Information Management Authority shall prepare an assessment of the impact of this Order, including recommendations for continuation, modification, or termination of its requirements. The assessment shall be submitted to the Governor's Office 360 days subsequent to the effective date of this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 27th day of
October 1992.

Governor of California

ATTEST:

Secretary of State