

**SAM – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(California Department of Technology)**

**PURPOSE**

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Strategic planning is essential to the successful adoption of IT in state government. An Agency/state entity information management strategy provides a means of coordinating systems development throughout the Agency/state entity over the long term. It enables the Agency/state entity to build systems within a common infrastructure and recognizes that no investment in systems should be made without proper planning. Inherent in the concept of information strategy is the commitment to develop business systems that are based on the real business priorities of the Agency/state entity.

The purposes of the planning requirements in this section are to ensure that:

1. Agency/state entity plans for and uses of IT are closely aligned with Agency/state entity business strategies;
2. Each Agency/state entity identifies opportunities to improve program operations through strategic uses of IT; and
3. Each Agency/state entity establishes and maintains an IT infrastructure that supports the accomplishment of Agency/state entity business strategies, is responsive to Agency/state entity information requirements, and provides a coherent architecture for Agency/state entity information systems.