

(c) The Chief shall be provided appropriate professional and administrative staff by the Secretary as provided in the budget.

(d) The Chief is responsible to the Secretary in carrying out the following duties:

(1) developing, maintaining, and enforcing statewide information technology standards, policies, and procedures;

(2) providing technical assistance, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary concerning information technology matters;

(3) reviewing major information technology projects for consistency with statewide plans, policies, and standards; [and]

(4) developing and maintaining a statewide information technology master plan that will:

(i) be the basis for the management and direction of information technology within the Executive Branch of State government;

(ii) include all aspects of State information technology including telecommunications, data processing, and information management;

(iii) consider interstate transfers due to federal legislation and regulation;

(iv) ensure that information technology plans and budgets are consistent; and

(v) ensure that State information technology plans, policies, and standards are consistent with State goals, objectives, and resources, and represent a long-range vision for using information technology to improve the overall effectiveness of State government; AND

(5) ADOPTING BY REGULATION AND ENFORCING NONVISUAL ACCESS STANDARDS TO BE USED IN THE PROCUREMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BY OR ON BEHALF OF UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

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(a) The Chief and the Board, in consultation with other units of State government, and after public comment, shall develop a nonvisual access clause for use in the procurement of information technology AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES which specifies that the technology AND SERVICES:

(1) must provide equivalent access for effective use by both visual and nonvisual means;

(2) will present information, including prompts used for interactive communications, in formats intended for both visual and nonvisual use;