

(4) Following the period for review and comment by the Legislative Policy Committee under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the proposal is subject to approval by the Board of Public Works.

(5) This subsection may not be construed as authorizing an exception from the requirements of Division II of this article for any contract that otherwise would be subject to the State procurement process.

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(a) The Chief of Information Technology is established within the Department.

(b) The Chief shall be appointed by the Secretary and serves at the Secretary's pleasure.

(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 AND ANY AGENCY OR UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT concerning information technology matters;

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

(4)] reviewing each unit's annual project plan to make information and services available to the public over the Internet;

[(5)] (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;

(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