

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SEVENTY-SEVEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AUTHORITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: CREATING THE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is committed to enhancing the delivery of services and providing taxpayers and citizens with information about their government;

WHEREAS, through the rapid proliferation of access to the Internet, citizens can more easily access needed information at little or no cost, and may take advantage of Internet-based transactions with businesses and government;

WHEREAS, the Internet holds enormous potential for simplifying and enhancing service delivery and information sharing with citizens, and reducing the cost to taxpayers associated with such activities;

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware has made significant progress to date in providing citizens with access to information and in providing services through the use of Internet-based technologies; and

WHEREAS, to build on the successes achieved to date, and to coordinate efforts to improve Internet-based service delivery by Delaware State agencies, a coordinating body needs to be appointed to provide leadership and direction across state agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Carper, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby order and declare the following:

1. An "Electronic Government Steering Committee" (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall be established to provide leadership, direction and coordination for the State of Delaware in providing State services and information through the Internet.

- A. The Committee shall have the following membership:
 - (i) The Secretary of State;
 - (ii) The Secretary of the Department of Finance;
 - (iii) The State Budget Director;
 - (iv) The Director of the Office of Information Services;
 - (v) The Delaware State Treasurer;
 - (vi) A representative of the Office of the Governor; and,
 - (vii) Others as the Governor shall deem appropriate.
- B. The Chair of the Committee shall be selected by the Governor, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- 2. The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - A. Identification of both short and long-term projects to enhance state service delivery and information exchange through the use of the Internet;
 - B. To work with agency personnel to implement, to the extent practicable within current budget constraints, identified short-term projects before the close of calendar year 2000;
 - C. To develop and promulgate standards to be adhered to by State agencies in the use of the Internet for service delivery and information exchange by state agencies; and,
 - D. To issue a report no later than December 15, 2000 summarizing the steps taken by the Committee during calendar year 2000, and identifying areas where the state can improve its use of Internet-based technologies to enhance service delivery and information exchange.
- 3. An "Electronic Government Project Director" (hereinafter referred to as the Director) shall be appointed by the Committee.
- 4. The Director shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - A. To ensure that projects identified by the Committee are competed in a timely fashion;
 - B. To assist in the development of standards for use by State agencies in developing Internet based services; and,
 - C. To report to the Committee on the regular basis regarding the progress of identifies projects.

5. The provisions of this Order shall be effective immediately.

Approved this 22 day of February 2000.

Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State

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