



State of Delaware
Office of the Governor

Ruth Ann Minner
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9

WHEREAS the potential to reduce costs, improve the quality of state services, and streamline the collection of state revenue via the Internet has not yet been fully recognized in Delaware, and

WHEREAS a common set of technical and policy standards for Internet access to state agencies is needed to ensure that Delaware state agencies use the Internet in an effective and consistent fashion, and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware has made significant progress in implementing Internet applications and content to enhance the level of service and information provided to Delawareans; and

WHEREAS, despite this success, many important state services are still not available via the Internet, and, and

WHEREAS a prior steering committee established to study e-government in Delaware has recommended the formation of a standing coordinating body for e-government to accomplish these goals,

I, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware, hereby ORDER on this 22nd day of January, 2001:

1. The Electronic Government Steering Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall coordinate the provision of services and information by Delaware state agencies on the Internet.
2. The Committee's membership shall be as follows:
 - a. The Secretary of State, or her designee.
 - b. The State Finance Secretary, or his designee.
 - c. The State Budget Director, or his designee.
 - d. The Executive Director of the Office of Information Services.
 - e. The Delaware State Treasurer.
 - f. A representative of the Office of the Governor.
 - g. A representative of the Delaware judiciary.
 - h. A representative of the Delaware House of Representatives.
 - i. A representative of the Delaware State Senate.
 - j. Such other persons as the Governor may deem appropriate.
3. The Chair of the Committee shall be selected by the Governor, and shall serve as chair at the pleasure of the Governor.
4. The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - a. To promulgate a comprehensive, uniform set of standards for state agencies dealing with the issues of technology architecture, privacy, accessibility, and content with respect to Internet-based technologies. Agencies shall adhere to the standards developed by the Committee in implementing new Internet content and applications.

- b. To review and approve all substantive changes to state agency uses of or presence on the Internet.
- c. To review the current funding structure for state Internet content and applications and to make recommendations to the Governor regarding changes to this structure to support future efforts to enhance services or information exchange via the Internet. Such recommendations shall include, but not be limited to:
 - i. With the consent of the General Assembly, distribution of any budgetary funds allocated by the General Assembly and Governor for the purpose of creating or enhancing the Internet presence of state agencies.
 - ii. With the consent of the General Assembly, identification of a dedicated revenue source to support future e-government projects by state agencies and to be appropriated to the steering committee in accordance with its responsibilities set forth in (iii) and (iv) below.
 - iii. Development of a funding application process to be used by agencies undertaking e-government projects and to be overseen by the Committee.
 - iv. Development of a review process to be used by the Committee in evaluating agency applications for funding.

- v. Making recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly to eliminate the so-called "Digital Divide" and create greater access to the Internet for Delawareans.
 - vi. Providing the Governor and General Assembly with policy directions regarding state agency use of the Internet.
 - vii. Providing an annual report no later than November 1 of each year outlining the Committee's activities and recommending future action.
5. The Committee shall be a public body subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.


RUTH ANN MINNER

Attest:


Harriet N. Smith Windsor
Secretary of State

