

State of Mississippi
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Executive Order xxxx

Implementing Electronic Government in Mississippi

By virtue of the authority vested in me under _____ of the Constitution of Mississippi and under the laws of the State of Mississippi, including but not limited to Sections _____ of the *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby direct that a Commission on Electronic Government be established.

Preamble

"Electronic Government" is an important endeavor that will enable citizens and businesses to interact with a more streamlined, service-oriented government. In this environment, citizens and businesses will not simply receive information or participate in transactions passively. Rather, they will become involved in a more active dialog with their state government. Successful "electronic government" will be achieved when all Mississippi's citizens and communities are efficiently using the tools of technology, especially the Internet, to actively participate in their state government.

The State of Mississippi must now move aggressively to fully implement these electronic government initiatives to assure that Mississippians benefit substantially from the convenience, accuracy, and efficiency of interfacing with government and education via the Internet.

The State of Mississippi must take advantage of the various benefits of implementing E-Government on an enterprise level. Many government agencies are currently planning to implement E-Government services. It is very important that the state approach electronic government from a total enterprise perspective. With an enterprise approach, the state can address privacy and security in a standard, consistent manner. Additionally, many of the components of an E-Government infrastructure can be built once and shared at a significant costs savings. In the event that these services are recommended to be outsourced to the private sector, the collective state will represent a much stronger negotiator than individual state agencies.

The State of Mississippi must benefit from the "best practices" available to establish a framework for implementing electronic government initiatives across Mississippi government. This framework must recognize the inherent risks as well as benefits of these type endeavors and must establish recognition that technology is an enabler of government service provision. Additionally, the framework must address managing the

changes mandated by external factors or motivated by internal factors related to improving organizational effectiveness through electronic government. To these ends, the Commission on Electronic Government is established.

Commission on Electronic Government

The Commission on Electronic Government (hereinafter referred to as “Commission”), shall consist of the following members, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

- The Executive Directors of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Information Technology Services should serve as Co-Chairs of the Commission;
- The Secretary of State, or his designee;
- The State Treasurer, or his designee;
- The State Auditor, or his designee;
- The Attorney General, or his designee;
- The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, or his designee;
- The Executive Director of the Department of Economic and Community Development, or his designee;
- The Banking and Commerce Commissioner, or his designee;
- The Commissioner of the State Tax Commission, or his designee;
- The Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety, or his designee;
- The Executive Director of the Department of Human Services, or her designee;
- The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, or his designee;
- The State Superintendent of Education, or his designee;
- The Commissioner of Higher Education, or his designee;
- The Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, or his designee;
- The Executive Director of the Board for Community and Junior Colleges, or his designee;
- The State Health Officer, or his designee;
- The State Personnel Director, or his designee;
- The Adjutant General, or his designee;
- An independent information technology Industry Advisor;
- An independent banking and financial services Industry Advisor;
- Two representatives of Local Government;
- Two representatives of businesses that are regulated by a State Agency or local government;
- Three public members representing the interests of Mississippians.

An invitation to participate on the Commission, as ex-officio members will also be extended to:

- The Lieutenant Governor;

- The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Commission members must appear in person to vote on issues before the Commission. Commission members may appoint designees in times of absences. The Departments of Finance and Administration and Information Technology Services shall provide administrative support for the Commission. The E-government Task Force organized through the Department of Information Technology Services will serve as the chief working group for the electronic government initiative and will report regularly to the Commission.

The Commission shall be responsible for reviewing and recommending to the Governor the strategic plan needed to assure the quality and timely evolution of electronic government initiatives. The initial recommendations to the Governor shall be made on or before **December 1, 2000**.

In carrying out the policies and procedures set forth in this Order, the Commission on Electronic Government shall work closely with all Agencies as defined in Section 7-7-1 (3) of the *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*, to determine the most effective and efficient means of rapidly moving more state government services to the Internet. The Commission shall be responsible for:

1. Reviewing the findings and strategies of the existing E-Government Task Force to use as a basis for the continued work of the Commission;
2. ITS recommends: Promoting the enterprise approach to E-Government by coordinating, to the greatest extent feasible, the sharing of resources, applications and application/database development among and across agencies and adhering to enterprise-level standards and guidelines;
3. Coordinating activities through the Department of Information Technology Services to provide strategic technical assistance to all Agencies on the implementation of these electronic government initiatives;
4. Prioritizing funding needs for electronic government strategies and initiatives, and making recommendations, where appropriate, to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee where priority projects cannot be funded within existing resources;
5. Working with Agencies to assure that their electronic government initiatives, once fully implemented, will result in demonstrable net savings or increases in productivity for the State of Mississippi;
6. Identifying existing barriers to the implementation of electronic government that can be effected through policy directive, Executive Order, change in regulation, or amendment of the *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated*;
7. Ensuring that privacy and security issues are appropriately identified and addressed for all electronic government;
8. Addressing the growing disparity between those Mississippians who have access to the Internet and related technology and those who do not with the goal being to

ensure access to computers and the Internet for all citizens without barriers of race, income, education level, geography, and disability;

9. Working with Agencies to assure that their electronic government initiatives, once fully implemented, will result in demonstrable net savings, increases in productivity for the State of Mississippi, or improved services to the citizens.

Applicability to All Agencies and Effective Date

All Agencies shall cooperate with and provide assistance to the Commission on Electronic Government through the Departments of Finance and Administration and Information Technology Services in implementing each part of this Executive Order to the fullest extent allowed by law and consistent with their various missions,

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until **June 30, 2002**, unless amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the State of Mississippi this ____ day of _____, 2000,

David Ronald Musgrove, Governor

Timeline:

1. Initial meeting will be targeted for the end of August. Agenda:
 - a. “Rah-rah” type kick-off;
 - b. Gartner – Present where we are in Mississippi today
 - c. Review expectations of the Commission
 - d. Distribute the Executive Summary of the Task Force Report
2. Second Meeting – late September
 - a. Presentations (as non technical as possible and as without bogging into the “how to” details) of the Task Force work groups.
 - b. Recommend we try to frame as these three options:
 - i. 100% e-government front end outsourced (NIC model) with State concentrating on the back end system integration;
 - ii. 50%-75% e-government front end outsourced with the State taking on the rest of the front end and back end;
 - iii. State doing 100% of all;
 - c. Make a recommendation (high level) on funding requirements and statutory changes;
3. Third Meeting – late October
 - a. Refine recommendations and present to LBO before they wrap up fall hearings (this meeting may be with LBO);
4. Fourth Meeting – late November
 - a. Work details of Legislative agenda relative to decisions made;
5. Fifth Meeting – late December
 - a. Present entire package to the Governor

Possible Appointments for Non State Positions:

- An independent information technology Industry Advisor:
 - **Jim Barksdale**
 - **Someone from WorldCom**
 - **??**
- An independent banking and financial services Industry Advisor:
 - **Jack Garner, UP**
 - **Lou Ann Poynter, UP (South)**
 - **??**
- Two representatives of Local Government:
 - **Mississippi Municipal Association**
 - **Association of the Boards of Supervisors**
- Two representatives of businesses that are regulated by a State Agency or local government:
 - **Carolyn Shanks, Entergy**
 - **John Palmer or Blake Wilson, MEC**
- Three public members representing the interests of Mississippians:
 - **Representatives from various advocacy groups – we did not discuss in detail**

Comment: