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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We are pleased to submit the *Annual Report on the Executive Branch's Information Technology Program – 2006-2007*. The *Annual Report* documents substantial continuing progress and success in implementing the strategic goals, objectives and actions set forth in the *California State Information Technology Strategic Plan* (November 2006).

Major IT initiatives and projects within large organizations are extraordinarily complex undertakings requiring comprehensive, collaborative planning and sustained, engaged management and oversight to reduce risks of failure and increase opportunities for success. As shown in this report, that management approach has brought success to a number of the important enterprise initiatives undertaken in the last several years, including:

- consolidating the Executive Branch's two general-purpose data centers into the Department of Technology Services;
- implementing the Department of General Services' strategic sourcing program;
- improving the HR program for the IT workforce;
- acquiring modern telecommunications and network services in Calnet II;
- commencing an enterprise architecture program;
- undertaking a refresh of the state portal and agency websites;
- expanding IT security and privacy policy and training; and,
- forging a partnership between the Department of Finance, the Controller's Office, the Treasurer's Office and the Department of General Services to replace the State's antiquated business management systems with modern processes and technologies.

Major IT projects are also underway within many of the Executive Branch's largest departments to modernize their technology infrastructure and improve support for the State's most important programs. We are bringing the State's IT systems into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We are proud of the work being done by all Executive Branch agencies to align their IT activities with the goals of the *State IT Strategic Plan* and to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of government operations and services to the public. We are building an IT program worthy of a State that is proud to call Silicon Valley its home.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Clark Kelso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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