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Washington, DC 20001

Subject: 2007 National Public Service Award Nomination

Dear Screening Committee and Selection Committee:

I am honored to nominate Clark Kelso for the National Public Service Award. Clark is the Chief Information Officer for the State of California, as well as Professor of Law and Director of the Capital Center for Government Law and Policy at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

Clark has performed a broad array of important and influential roles in public service:

- He worked with the California Judicial Council and State Legislature to plan and implement unification of the state's trial courts, a landmark government efficiency effort that reorganized more than 200 separate courts into 58 county-level superior courts.
- He brought together program and technology leaders from executive agencies in the first statewide strategic planning effort for information technology (IT). That collaboration remains ongoing and has improved IT services and decision-making.
- He moved State government's diverse and antiquated IT systems into new enterprise-wide systems. He secured a billion-dollar-plus commitment from the executive and legislative branches to replace the State's legacy systems with modern applications and services.
- He led a consolidation of major data centers and telecommunications systems, which has saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

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Time and again, Clark has assumed executive leadership of troubled State agencies. On every occasion, he has succeeded in restoring public confidence, strengthening staff morale and improving services. In 2000, when I was Attorney General, I asked Clark to take over the Department of Insurance (with the approval of the Governor) when the elected Insurance Commissioner was forced to resign. In 2002, when the Department of Information Technology was rocked by a procurement scandal forcing the resignation of its director, Governor Gray Davis called on Clark to oversee closing the Department and serve as State Chief Information Officer. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger reappointed Clark to that post. Clark has held other leadership positions in State government, including interim Director of the Department of General Services, Chair of the California Earthquake Authority and Chair of the Technology Services Board.

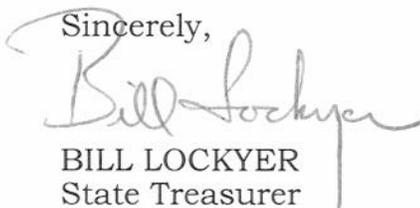
Clark's excellent record of public service has earned him numerous awards. To name just a few:

- *Computerworld* named him one of their Premier 100 Honorees in 2007, an annual award recognizing the top 100 IT leaders in both the private and public sector. Clark was the first State CIO to receive this prestigious honor.
- *Government Technology* in 2004 honored him as one of its "Doers, Dreamers & Drivers," a recognition given annually to the 25 top IT leaders in the public sector.
- The California Judicial Council in 1998 bestowed on Clark its Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award, the highest award given by the Council to an individual other than a member of the judiciary for outstanding contributions to California's courts.

I and many other government leaders believe Clark is a deserving recipient of your National Public Service Award.

For questions about the attached nomination package, please contact me or my assistant, Patty Mar at pmar@treasurer.ca.gov or 916-653-2995. You will also find additional information about Clark's recent work at the California State CIO's web site, <http://www.cio.ca.gov/>.

Sincerely,



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State Treasurer

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Attachment - 2007 National Public Service Award Nomination