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Memorandum

To: All Agency CIOs

From: Maria S. Thompson, State Chief Risk Officer
NC Department of Information Technology 

Subject: Adoption of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-53 rev 4

Date: February 1, 2018

**** Please share this memo broadly within your organization. ****

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143B-1376 - Statewide Security Standards, the State Chief Information Officer (CIO) shall manage all executive branch information technology security and shall establish a statewide standard for information technology security to maximize the functionality, security, and interoperability of the State's distributed information technology assets, including - but not limited to - data classification and management, communications, and encryption technologies.

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of the State's adoption of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-53 revision 4 as the framework for the Statewide Risk Management Program. The new Statewide Information Security Manual is a departure from previously used International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001 framework to a NIST framework that has been largely adopted by Federal, State and private sector organizations. This standardization allows for a more seamless approach in assessing risks within the state's environment, to include cloud services, and reduces complexities when translating audit and assessment requirements between the various sectors. The Statewide Information Security Manual provides State agencies with a baseline for managing information security and making risk based decisions.

These policies are effective on the date of signature. All system owners, business owners, security liaisons and other responsible agents, to include contractors and vendors, are required to start implementing and complying with this policy immediately. Agencies are to ensure that all internal security documentation are updated to reflect these policies and requirements, no later than May 1, 2018. The referenced policies are available for download from the following link:

<https://it.nc.gov/statewide-information-security-policies>

If you have any questions about this requirement, the training schedule, or the content of the training, please contact the State Chief Risk Officer Maria Thompson at maria.s.thompson@nc.gov or (919) 754-6578.