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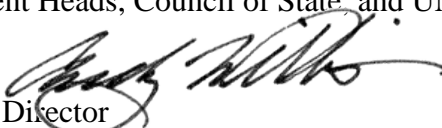
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ANDY WILLIS
STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR

October 18, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Department Heads, Council of State, and UNC General Administration

FROM: Andy Willis 
State Budget Director

SUBJECT: Grants Management IT Enterprise System

S.L. 2011-145, H950, Section 6A.7(b1) created the Grants Management Oversight Committee to coordinate the development of an enterprise grants management system. The Committee is chaired by the State Controller and includes the Senior Deputy State Controller, the Director of the Office of State Budget and Management, and the State Auditor as members. Pursuant to this legislation, OSBM has been charged with providing a plan for the development and potential implementation of a system.

The ultimate aim of an enterprise grants management system is to replace over 20 largely duplicative grant-related IT systems currently across state government, including the existing NCGrants and CRIS systems maintained by OSBM. Such a system would encompass end-to-end functions, such as grantee applications, awards/contracts, payment processing, reporting, and auditing, both to governmental and non-governmental grant recipients. It would also potentially manage grants the state receives from the federal government but doesn't sub-grant. Benefits of the enterprise system would include the enhancement of all processing functions, the elimination of redundant recipient reporting, and the digitization of all paperwork.

The Oversight Committee has appointed a working group to conduct requirements gathering for the grants system, with a deadline of December 2012 by which to have a recommendation for the General Assembly. The plan will include budget, governance, and recommended legislative language and will be a comprehensive plan for the General Assembly to consider next session. As one option, OSBM is studying the feasibility of scaling up the Department of Transportation's current SAP-based grants solution across state government. DOT has successfully implemented SAP for many of their grant programs, and is currently working with OSBM and the Department of Commerce's Workforce Solutions Division to demonstrate the capability for expanding the system for use by other agencies.

Many may recall that in 2008, OSC completed requirements gathering for an SAP enterprise financial system, which included grants management. OSBM has received all of the 2008 agency grant-related requirements from OSC and now needs agency review and feedback to verify these requirements are still valid and provide updates where necessary.

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To help us with this effort, please review the attached Requirements spreadsheet and note any changes to your business needs since 2008. Additionally, please review the attached agency contact list and update business and financial follow-up contacts that need to be added or removed.

Due to legislative reporting timeframes and necessary review by the oversight committee, updates to the requirements and to the contact information should be provided to OSBM no later than October 31, 2012. Changes and questions should be directed toward Caitlin Winwood; she can be reached at caitlin.winwood@osbm.nc.gov or 919-807-4703. As always, thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

cc: Grants Management Oversight Committee
Caitlin Winwood, OSBM

Attachment