



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS:** The continuous and efficient operation of state government data systems is both vital and necessary to the mission of providing essential and non-essential governmental services in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Technology Authority and the various state agencies have the responsibility for providing critically important, coordinated, robust and effective information technology security in order to protect the state's data, to protect the citizens and to ensure the efficient operation of state government; and
- WHEREAS:** There are currently many different information security reporting standards and many different mechanisms for security reporting within Georgia state government, and there is a need for a single, coordinated mandatory statewide information security reporting standard for the improvement of information technology security; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Institute of Standards and Technologies (NIST) has provided a model for information technology security in its implementation of the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002; and
- WHEREAS:** An effective mechanism to improve the oversight of state agency information security programs will:
- Provide state decision makers with information to oversee the security of the State's information assets,
  - Provide a comprehensive framework to ensure the effectiveness of the State's information security controls,
  - Allow for differing requirements of state agencies and their federal partners,
  - Identify risks without exposing vulnerability information to inappropriate parties, and
  - Control associated expenses.

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Technology Authority's Office of Information Security is developing technical security standards and services for use by all agencies that are consistent with the information security risk management model produced by NIST in support of FISMA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That, in coordination with the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, the Executive Director of the Georgia Technology Authority shall develop a reporting format and the required content for agency information security reports, which shall be made available to the agencies by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** The Executive Director of each agency shall report on the status of their agency information security program as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year using the format and content requirements as specified by the Executive Director of the Georgia Technology Authority, and that this report is to be delivered to the Georgia Technology Authority on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** The Georgia Technology Authority shall compile the agencies' information security status reports into a single Enterprise Information Security Report, which will be available by October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

This 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

  
GOVERNOR