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State Awards Data Center and Network Consolidation Contract

SALEM – Governor Theodore Kulongoski announced a contract award to Accenture, LLP to develop a plan for consolidating the state’s multiple data centers and networks. The purpose of this initiative is to realize information technology efficiencies at the greatest cost savings to Oregonians.

“One of my priorities has been, and will continue to be, seeking ways to enhance government efficiency,” stated the Governor. “This project is a great example of the state and private sector working together to find opportunities to save money without diminishing services.”

Four firms, preeminent in the field of computing and networking infrastructure consolidations, submitted proposals for the planned work in late November 2003.

The proposals submitted were evaluated in a multi-phased process culminating in interviews and presentations in response to the state’s proposed Statement of Work for the project. At the end of this evaluation process, Accenture emerged as the unanimous selection for contract award. The contract amount, approximately \$1.74 million, will be recovered in savings associated with the project.

The state’s consolidation initiative is a two-phased project that involves twelve State Agencies (listed in alphabetical order): Administrative Services, Consumer and Business Services, Corrections, Education, Employment, Forestry, Human Services, Revenue, Transportation, Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Community Services, and Oregon State Police.

Phase I includes conducting an inventory of agency computing and networking infrastructure environments and creating an implementation strategy for a single network and data center consolidation.

The result of Phase I will be the development of a clearly defined business case capable of providing the State with a concrete return on its investment. Completion of Phase I is anticipated to be September/October 2004.

Phase II is the implementation of the state-approved consolidation plan. The timeline for completion of Phase II is approximately 18 to 24 months.

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