



January 11, 2023

Dear Agency Leaders:

I want to begin by saying thank you. Thank you for serving Oregon and the people who call our state home. Thank you for your professionalism and commitment to public service. And thank you for your partnership with my transition team as we hustled to get ready for Day One.

I am eager to get to work, and I view each of you as partners in my mission to deliver results and make everyday life better for Oregonians.

A core part of my vision for the next four years is to improve customer service for Oregonians – whether they are coming to us for a service, or we are coming to them in the wake of a disaster. That means being more efficient, more effective, and creating systems that will empower our collective 42,000 public servants to deliver for Oregonians.

So today, I am delivering a new set of expectations to you, the leaders of our state agencies. These expectations will serve as guideposts for our work together, providing us with new data that will help us break down silos and make enterprise-wide systems improvements.

To support this effort, my office will be organized with a new focus on public administration. I am hiring a talented group of experienced leaders who I expect to be partners with you in solving problems and delivering on my priorities, which as you know are housing and homelessness, behavioral health and addiction care, and education.

Finally, as Oregon's Governor, I understand that I have 42,000 employees counting on me for compassion and leadership. The pandemic was hard on workers and managers across the board – private or public, it has been tough. We all had to pivot on short notice, support each other through workforce shortages, and do our jobs while our families were facing the same uncertainty as the rest of the world. These workforce challenges are not going away, and I hope to partner with all of you as we continue to strive to make the State of Oregon a great place to live and work.

It is my pledge to all Oregonians, and to you, that I will work every day to be a partner with you in solving problems, big and small. We will not be perfect, but we will improve every year, so Oregonians can proudly say their state government was there for them.

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I am directing the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to provide my office with updates on our progress in meeting these new expectations quarterly beginning June 1, 2023. Please engage with DAS Director Berri Leslie throughout this process. She will help measure and manage these goals and I have asked her to be a partner with you to ensure you have what you need to be successful.

As a first step, please email Director Leslie by February 1st to confirm that you are ready and willing to work with us toward these enterprise goals.

Thank you for your commitment to Oregon, and I look forward to a great partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kotek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" and last name "Kotek" clearly distinguishable.

Governor Tina Kotek

# Oregon Agency Expectations

## **Performance Reviews for Agency Directors:**

The DAS Chief Human Resources office will complete a 360-performance evaluation, for every director who reports to the Governor, every two years. Agencies without a review in the prior 12 months will be prioritized. Agency directors who report to a board or commission should have a review completed every two years by their governing body. DAS will provide a price agreement with available vendors to facilitate this process. DAS will also provide a 360-performance template for boards and commissions to use as a model by June 1, 2023. DAS will have the price agreement and template in place by June 1, 2023. DAS will provide quarterly compliance reporting to the Governor's office.

## **Performance Feedback for Employees:**

Each agency will maintain compliance with the quarterly performance feedback meeting requirement for all employees at a quarterly performance rate of 90% completion or higher. Quarterly check ins must be documented in Workday. Agencies will comply by June 1, 2023. DAS will provide quarterly compliance reports to the Governor's office.

## **Measuring Employee Satisfaction:**

Agencies of a size to be determined by vendor recommendation will complete an anonymous annual employee satisfaction survey. All agencies will use the same DAS approved vendor and a list of approved questions from DAS. Agencies shall create an action plan to follow up on substantial findings and use the annual process to measure improvement. DAS will identify the vendor and questions by June 1, 2023. Agencies will complete the first satisfaction survey by December 31, 2023 and submit their scores to DAS by February 1, 2024. DAS will use the information to provide a roll-up report card of enterprise-wide employee satisfaction on an annual basis.

## **Supporting Strategic Planning and Measuring Agency Performance:**

Agencies are required to develop and follow a strategic plan using goals outlined by the Governor's office. Plans should be developed with agency leadership and in partnership with direct service employees, community partners, tribes, underrepresented communities, and applicable boards and commissions responsible for oversight of the organization. Plans should include a section that aligns with the agency's information technology strategy to include how modernization efforts will support the goals of the organization.

DAS will provide a list of approved vendors on price agreement to facilitate this process. DAS will also provide a template for vendors and agencies to use to support consistency and measurement across agencies. Agencies will post strategic plans with dashboards outlining progress on their public facing web sites. DAS will prepare price agreements and templates by June 1, 2023. Agencies with strategic plans completed within the last 36 months can update their plans into the new template format aligning with Governor Kotek's goals with a target completion date of December 31, 2023. Agencies with strategic plans older than 36 months should begin a new planning process, using the standardized template format, with a goal of

completing their plans by June 1, 2024. DAS will provide an annual progress report to the Governor's office.

### **Managing Information Technology Progress:**

Agency CIO/IT leaders shall collaborate with Enterprise Information Services program leaders, Agency Leadership, and their policy area Assistant State CIO as it pertains to operationalizing the vision, values, and strategy of the State CIO.

Agencies of 50 FTE or larger are required to develop an information technology strategic plan. Plans should be developed with agency leadership and include how the agency aligns with the Enterprise Information Services' Strategic Framework and how modernization efforts will support the goals of the organization. EIS will provide IT Strategic Planning assistance through policy area Assistant State CIOs and their vendor partners as well as a template by June 1, 2023. IT strategic plans should be completed and submitted to EIS by December 31, 2023. The State CIO will review and approve all plans. DAS will provide an annual compliance report to the Governor's office.

### **Succession Planning for the Workforce:**

Agencies are required to have an agency succession plan in place. DAS provides a succession planning toolkit to facilitate this process which can be found online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/das/HR/Pages/success-plan.aspx>. Agencies without a current plan must complete a plan by December 31, 2023. Plans should be submitted to the DAS Strategic Initiatives & Accountability Division. DAS will provide an annual compliance report to the Governor's office.

### **State Government Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:**

Agencies are required to have a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan (DEI Plan), updated every two years. Agencies without a current DEI Plan must complete an initial plan by June 1, 2023. Agencies are encouraged to adopt the strategies, goals, and implementation processes from the statewide [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan](#) to fit their mission. This can be used as a toolkit to guide the development and implementation of your agency's DEI Plan.

An agency's DEI Plan serves as an overarching DEI strategy tool. In addition to the DEI Plan, agencies are required to have an Affirmative Action Plan, updated annually. Both the DEI and affirmative action plans should be submitted to the DAS Affirmative Action Manager. Agencies without a current plan must complete an initial plan by June 1, 2023. The Affirmative Action Plan serves as an element of the DEI Plan and supplements the implementation to achieve both DEI and Affirmative Action goals.

DAS will provide an annual compliance report to the Governor's office.

### **Additional Information:**

- Executive Order 22-11 as it relates to Affirmative Action, Equal Employment Opportunity, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Direct link to executive order: [https://www.oregon.gov/gov/eo/eo\\_22-11.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/gov/eo/eo_22-11.pdf).
- Resource: <https://youtu.be/hDXQdcQ0InU> (51 Minutes).

- Affirmative Action Plan Workshop: <https://youtu.be/AcX7vmL6pPc> (48 Minutes).

### **Agency Emergency Preparedness:**

Agencies are required to have in place and update annually their continuity of operations plan (COOP). DAS Policy [107-001-010](#) outlines COOP requirements for agencies. Additionally, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management has a Continuity of Operations Plan Toolkit available on their website. The toolkit includes a link to [FEMA's Continuity of Guidance Circular](#), which provides additional guidance on what a COOP should include. Agencies without a current plan must complete an initial plan by September 30, 2023. Plans should be submitted to the Department of Emergency Management who will report compliance annually to the Department of Administrative Services and the Governor's office.

Note: ODEM and DAS are in the process of implementing a new COOP software package. This software will provide a step-by-step guide for developing a COOP. Deadline for full implementation is June 30, 2023; agencies will be kept apprised of progress.

### **Agency Hiring Practices:**

Agencies will monitor hiring practices to ensure that the average time to fill positions does not exceed more than 50 days. Time to fill means from the day the recruitment is open to the day a job offer is made to the candidate. Executive recruitments can be excluded from this calculation given the more expansive nature of those recruitments. DAS will provide the Governor's office with a quarterly progress report to identify agency hot spots. This is intended to be both a stretch goal for agencies and an early warning indicator of a potentially struggling agency.

DAS will monitor enterprise vacancy rates and report on those rates quarterly to the Governor's office.

### **Audit Accountability:**

Agencies will work collaboratively with the Secretary of State (SOS) and ensure that all SOS and internal audit findings are resolved within the target date the agency specified in their management response to the audit recommendations, or if there is no management response, findings are to be resolved 12 months from the date the audit report is issued. Agencies will demonstrate their quarterly progress on key findings if implementation or resolutions takes longer than 12 months or they miss their targeted specified date. Unresolved audit findings should be reported to the DAS Strategic Initiatives & Enterprise Accountability Division. DAS will provide a process and template by June 1, 2023. DAS will provide an annual update to the Governor's office.

### **Developing New Employees and Managers:**

All agencies will develop new employee orientation programs and be able to demonstrate that 100% of their employees participate in their onboarding programs within 60 days of hire. Agencies will comply by December 31, 2023.

All new state employees will participate in DAS' customer service training within 60 days of hire. DAS will develop and implement this training by June 1, 2023. Agencies will be responsible for ensuring employee participation and DAS will provide quarterly reports to the

Governor's office about compliance. Agencies are expected to achieve compliance by December 31, 2023.

All agencies will ensure that every new employee participates in Uplift Oregon's benefits workshop within 30 days of hire, so that the education supports employees to make fully informed decisions when choosing their benefits. Agency onboarding systems will incorporate time for each employee to access a virtual, two-hour training ideally within 14 days of hire, or before an employee completes their benefits enrollment documents. Agencies will comply by June 1, 2023. DAS will provide quarterly performance reports.

All agencies will ensure that managers new to managing in state government complete the introductory manager training program within three months of starting their new management position. Agencies will comply by June 1, 2023. DAS will provide quarterly reports to the Governor's office about compliance.