

Dear Colleagues:

Accompanying this letter is a State of Minnesota CIO Policy Directive issuing a new Accessibility Standard for all executive branch agencies. It was developed and vetted with agency collaboration, through the Enterprise Architecture Standards Process and meets the requirements of HF 1744, which was signed into law on May 21, 2009.

The goal of the Accessibility Standard is to improve the accessibility and usability of information technology products and services for all government end-users in the State of Minnesota. As specified in the legislation, the Minnesota Accessibility Standard incorporates the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The effective date is September 1, 2010.

If you or your staff have any questions about this policy directive please direct them to Craig Finseth at OET's Enterprise Architecture Office. Craig can be reached at 651.201.1011 or at [craig.finseth@state.mn.us](mailto:craig.finseth@state.mn.us)

Your continued participation in the way we manage information technology resources is critical to the success of the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gopal Khanna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gopal Khanna  
State CIO