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### *California Strategic Information Technology Plan*

Our Golden State has given me the chance to excel as an athlete, movie hero, businessman and, now, Governor, and my wish is that every Californian has the same opportunity to pursue their talents and dreams. I believe government can play an important role in providing the services and information that our people need for a better life, and there is no doubt that technology plays a critical role in this process.

Even as California faces unprecedented challenges, including the current budget crisis, aging infrastructure and growing populations, we have unique opportunities for the future. We will create the world's best systems for education, transportation, public safety and the environment, and technology will serve as our greatest partner and asset in this endeavor.

In keeping with our state's proud tradition of technological innovation, the California Strategic Information Technology Plan presents the vision and strategies that government will embrace to fulfill our potential. The Plan is both a white paper and blueprint for current and future leaders as we move into the next generation of computers and technology.

The Plan represents the collaborative efforts of technology professionals – led by California's Chief Information Officer Teri Takai – from across state departments who produced these dynamic ideas of where to go from here. Following the Plan, we will modernize California's computer networks, replace our aging systems and deliver government services and information more efficiently.

I am committed to delivering the very best services while protecting privacy and saving taxpayer dollars. I applaud our many information technology professionals for their valuable contributions to these goals and our Strategic Information Technology Plan. They have my support as we work to make this happen and advance technology in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

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