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To: Clark Kelso, California State CIO

From: Dale Jablonsky, Chairman – California Enterprise Architecture Committee

Subject: California's Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) Document

In regards to the review of the California Enterprise Architecture Program (CEAP) newly submitted SOA Document, I am recommending that we fully accept and approve as follows:

1. The SOA Document represents a valid conceptual architecture that all departments can embrace and use as internal justification to adopt better practices in software design and development, especially the shared services model that business process owners may not have wanted to explore in the past.
2. The SOA Document is useful in communicating to the vendor community the State's intended direction and how their proposals or bid responses should now reflect some level of SOA adoption and delivery criteria.
3. The California SOA direction needs to be further validated via the implementation of shared services such as the Common Payment System that is currently in legislation. Actual implementation of a shared service will then be able to demonstrate an architecture that is beyond conceptual and further legitimize the State's EA direction.
4. The SOA Document contains significant implications upon Statewide Service Providers such as DTS, DMV and DOF that is consistent and beneficial to all Enterprise Architecture concepts and direction including technology leadership, application hosting, identity management and other governance principles.
5. California's SOA success is dependent upon a Statewide Governance structure that does not exist today but is necessary for its full usage and adoption.

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