

**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**Information Technology Policy**

**POLICY 500-01: STATEWIDE INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
ARCHITECTURE**

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Standards and guidelines will be established to support a common information technology infrastructure that enables the effective use of information technology in the State.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Provide a statewide network of compatible information technology hardware, software, and communications resources which:

- Enables the interchange of data
- Allows for the cost effective use of information technology systems while maintaining maximum compatibility statewide
- Ensures agency technical direction is in alignment with overall State technology policy

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all Executive Branch agencies, boards, and commissions except those exempt under The Code of Alabama 1975 (Title 41 Chapter 4 Article 11).

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Information Services Division (ISD):**

- Establish broad information technology statewide architectural standards and policies
- Establish a process for the review of agency requests for exceptions to the Alabama Technology Resources Architecture
- Establish an IT architectural review committee to establish a statewide IT architectural plan
- Develop and maintain the Alabama Technology Resources Architecture
- Establish procedures to support the use of the adopted IT architecture at the state, departmental, and desktop levels
- Establish procedures to ensure that the architecture evolves as technology progresses

**Agency Management, Information Technology Organization:**

- Ensure that agency technology direction and objectives are in alignment with overall State objectives and comply with the Alabama Technology Resources Architecture
- Participate in the architectural review process and provide input to the review of components of the architecture

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