

To: Executive Branch IT Staff

As a follow-up to previous communications regarding the [Executive Order \(No. 06-17\)](#) to create the Agency of Digital Services (ADS), please know that the current Agency IT Leaders throughout the State of Vermont (SOV) are meeting together with the SOV Chief Innovation Officer to further evaluate this opportunity and develop transition plans in anticipation of 06-17's approval.

While still being reviewed in the Legislature, please also know that if the Governor's executive order 06-17 is enacted on April 17th, the initial change for all SOV IT Staff is:

- The Department of Information and Innovation is dissolved.
- All DII staff will immediately be assigned to ADS.
- All SOV Agency IT Leaders (i.e. Agency CIO's) report to the new Secretary of ADS/State CIO. Small departments that are not a part of a larger agency will be assigned to the AOA IT Leader.
- Agency IT Leaders will have a dotted line relationship to their agency Secretaries and will be part of their leadership teams.
- All other SOV IT staff reporting structure, duties, and locations remain the same. This Includes all IT Staff in the Executive Branch less elected officials (thereby also indirectly reporting up to the new State CIO). The Executive Order does not apply to the Legislative or Judicial Branches.
- Positions for first year remain funded the same as they do today, only the reporting structure changes.

This team of Agency IT Leaders and Chief Innovation Officer will develop strategies to achieve the goals and objectives in the Executive Order while focusing on the people and services impacted. Many great questions and suggestions have been openly discussed. The Leadership team is available to answer questions and clarify any concerns, so it is very important ongoing questions and concerns be communicated so that we ensure accurate information is disseminated. SOV staff should continue channeling suggestions, questions, or concerns through your Agency IT Leadership listed below.

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In the coming weeks, this Team will hold 3 brown bag Q&A sessions from 12-1pm to provide background information and answer questions concerning the proposed transition to ADS, changes in reporting structures and potential impacts to positions. Anyone with questions should attend one of these:

City / Location	Room	Date / 12pm-1pm
Montpelier- 109 State St.	Pavilion Auditorium	Monday March 13, 2017
Williston - 312 Hurricane Ln.	Lg Conf Rm Upstairs	Monday March 20, 2017
Waterbury/DPS – 45 State Drive	Emergency Operations Center	Monday March 27, 2017