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MEMORANDUM

TO: ITS Staff
Cluster CIOs

FROM: Daniel C. Chan *Daniel Chan*

DATE: August 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Staff Announcement -- Chief Technology Officer and Chief Data Officer

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Kishor Bagul as Chief Technology Officer (CTO) and Barbara Cohn as Chief Data Officer (CDO) for the New York State Office of Information Technology Services. The CTO and CDO are new senior leadership positions created under the auspice of IT Transformation to enhance the State's efficiency in delivering vital government services.

Kishor Bagul has more than 20 years of experience in both the private and public sector as a strategic technical expert. Most recently Kishor served as Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at nrastructure where he was responsible for establishing business strategy and technology vision. He developed the company's cloud strategies and technology roadmap for implementing a full range of cloud services. Kishor is an entrepreneur and has worked as a technology consultant and chief architect for private and public sector clients, including New York State. At what was then the state Office for Technology, he helped design, develop and implement enterprise class infrastructure and application solutions to support important and mission critical applications. He designed solutions that promoted standardization across multiple data centers and application infrastructure to improve productivity and achieve higher satisfaction. Prior to starting his own consulting firm Kishor held several design and engineering positions for large global companies serving clients in the United States, Australia and India.

The CTO will act as the principal technology advisor to the CIO and will chair the Technology Governance Board on matters pertaining to enterprise architecture. In this capacity, Kishor will align the State's technology vision and architecture with business strategy, lead all aspects of developing and implementing a State enterprise architecture and technology standards in support of the State's business needs.

Kishor will join ITS on August 13, 2012.

Barbara Cohn has 19 years of public sector experience as a senior executive and policy maker for the state legislature, state executive branch agencies, and New York City mayoral agencies. Most recently, Barbara worked at the New York City Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services. Serving as executive agency counsel to HHS Connect, she advanced implementation of New York City's vision to break information silos through the use of advanced technology and coordinated agency practices to more efficiently and effectively deliver health and human services. The program, HHS Connect, was established to facilitate data integration and exchange between existing agency-based information systems using innovative technologies to enhance service delivery and improve client outcomes. Prior to working for New York City, Barbara served at the New York State Office of Mental Health where she oversaw agency operations and the implementation of the strategic priorities of the agency.

The CDO will act as principal information management advisor to the CIO and will chair the Data Governance Board on matters related to the aggregation and sharing of data across the State enterprise. In this role, Barbara is responsible for defining strategic priorities for the State in setting data standards, information lifecycle management, data quality assurance and governance processes.

Barbara will join ITS on September 4, 2012.

Please join me in welcoming Barbara and Kishor to ITS.

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