Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 8A.104(5), the Department of Administrative Services hereby amends Chapter 25, “Information Technology Operational Standards,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments align the rules with recent changes to the Code of Iowa, including provisions that exempt certain departments and agencies from participation in the provisions of Iowa Code section 8A.201, and more closely detail the purposes of information technology operational standards.

The amendments were published under Notice of Intended Action in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 30, 2008, as ARC 6983B. No public comments were received during the public comment period, which ended August 19, 2008. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8A.201 and 8A.206. These amendments will become effective December 10, 2008.

The following amendments are adopted.

Item 1. Amend rule 11—25.1(8A), definition of “Participating agency,” as follows: “Participating agency” means all executive branch agencies except the following: those listed in Iowa Code section 8A.201(4), or as otherwise provided by law.

1. The state board of regents and institutions operated under the authority of the state board of regents.
2. The public broadcasting division of the department of education.
3. The state department of transportation mobile radio network.
4. The department of public safety law enforcement communications systems and security systems in use for the legislature.
5. The Iowa telecommunications and technology commission, established in Iowa Code chapter 8D, with respect to information technology that is unique to the Iowa communications network.
6. The Iowa lottery authority.
7. A judicial district department of correctional services established pursuant to Iowa Code section 905.2.

Item 2. Amend subrule 25.5 as follows:
25.5(5) Goals for information technology standards. The underlying purpose of operational standards involving information technology shall be one or more of the following:
a. To promote consistency in the automation of the state’s common infrastructure systems;
b. To eliminate duplicative development efforts by multiple state government entities;
c. To ensure continuity of ongoing state operations;
d. To promote administrative efficiencies relating to development and maintenance of common data systems; and

e. To enable the state to realize its full purchasing power from the use of a statewide, enterprise approach to the selection of technology solutions; and
f. To enhance security of systems and protection of personal information.

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