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DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT  
CHARLES J. KROGMEIER, DIRECTOR

February 11, 2009

The Honorable Bruce Hunter  
Iowa House of Representatives  
Iowa State Capitol  
LOCAL

The FY 2009 Administration and Regulation appropriations bill – SF 2400 – contained language in Section 15 requiring the Department of Management to examine the feasibility and costs associated with the creation and publication of an online single state database to provide detailed state budget and expenditure information.

This effort is not simply a Department of Management responsibility. In fact, the State Accounting Enterprise is primarily responsible for disbursements and accounts payable and has information about state government vendors. Several different government entities are responsible for the oversight of these funding streams including the Department of Management, the Department of Administrative Services-State Accounting Enterprise, and the Legislative Services Agency.

The Department of Management has gathered information from the states that have either implemented, or are in the process of implementing, similar searchable online databases. Technology currently exists to publish Iowa state budget and expenditure information using the internet and available software. The research shows that the costs to implement and maintain such an on-line system have varied from state to state. The cost differences vary primarily due to the level of financial detail provided by each state, the functionality of the system including how often the information is updated, and whether or not existing state resources could be used to develop and maintain the system. Initial implementation costs have run from \$0 in states such as Missouri and Georgia which have used existing resources to the \$1,000,000 or more estimated by Minnesota. These cost estimates do not include any ongoing costs to maintain and upgrade these systems.

The following list identifies the states that have either implemented or are in the process of implementing an on-line government budget and expenditure database, and the estimated costs to get the website up and running:

Alaska .....	\$5,000 of staff time	Nebraska .....	\$39,000
Georgia .....	Existing resources	Nevada .....	NA
Illinois .....	NA	New York .....	NA
Kansas .....	\$100,000 - \$200,000	Oklahoma .....	\$40,000
Kentucky .....	NA	Pennsylvania.....	NA
Louisiana.....	Existing resources	South Carolina .....	NA
Maryland.....	NA	South Dakota .....	NA
Minnesota.....	\$1,000,000	Texas.....	\$300,000
Mississippi.....	NA	West Virginia .....	NA
Missouri.....	Existing resources		



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The Department of Administrative Services has completed an estimate of the costs to implement and operate a searchable database which can provide on-line access to Iowa revenue and expense data. The Department of Administrative Services estimates that initial first year implementation costs for the Iowa database will total \$491,000. This amount does not include the estimated additional amount of \$165,000 to include data from both the Board of Regents and the Department of Transportation. Ongoing maintenance expenses are estimated at an annual cost of \$73,000. This does not include the annual maintenance costs to include the Regents and DOT data.

In lieu of legislation, the Department of Management and the Governor's Office are reviewing the potential creation of a searchable online database of Iowa government budget and expenditures through an Executive Order. At least two other states, Nevada and South Carolina, have gone this route. The Governor's Office and the Department of Management stand ready to work with the Legislature to develop this important tool to improve state government transparency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Krogmeier", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Krogmeier, Director  
Department of Management

14 21 Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT. There is appropriated  
14 22 from the general fund of the state to the department of  
14 23 management for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and  
14 24 ending June 30, 2009, the following amounts, or so much  
14 25 thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
14 26 designated:

14 27 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous  
14 28 purposes, and for not more than the following full-time  
14 29 equivalent positions:

14 30 .....	\$	3,178,337
14 31 .....	FTEs	37.50

14 32 Of the moneys appropriated in this section, the department  
14 33 shall use a portion for enterprise resource planning,  
14 34 providing for a salary model administrator, conducting  
14 35 performance audits, and for the department's LEAN process.

15 1 As a condition of receiving funding appropriated in this  
15 2 section, the department of management shall report to the  
15 3 members and staff of the joint appropriations subcommittee on  
15 4 administration and regulation by January 1, 2009, concerning  
15 5 the feasibility and costs of creating and publishing on the  
15 6 internet a publicly available, single state database providing  
15 7 detailed information on state funding that is subject to state  
15 8 budgeting and expenditure.

15 9 The department of management budget for the fiscal year  
15 10 beginning July 1, 2009, as proposed by the department and the  
15 11 governor, shall include funding for director and assistant  
15 12 director positions at the Tim Shields center for governing  
15 13 excellence in Iowa under section 8.69.