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System Architecture Review Policy	**VERSION:** 1.0		**LAST REVIEWED:** 12/12/2016

1   POLICY

The Chief Technology Officer (CTO) shall perform a System Architecture Review (SAR) on all plans for any modification and/or new installation to Executive Branch information systems (including but not limited to architecture, infrastructure, hardware and software); to ensure those modifications are in alignment with the State's information technology strategy and in compliance with enterprise architecture standards.

2   AUTHORITY

The Policy is established under the authority of New Jersey Statute NJSA, Sections C.52:1 SA-224 through C.52:1 SA-234. known as 'The Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act."

3   SCOPE

All Executive Branch departments and State agencies (Agencies) are directed to cooperate fully with the NJOIT and the CTO to implement the provisions of the Policy, and to ensure effective use of information technology within the Executive Branch of State Government.

4   PURPOSE

A SAR is required to ensure that information and technology solutions for the State are conceived, designed, developed and deployed to maximize benefits and functionality while minimizing costs and risks. A SAR also ensures compliance with cybersecurity and architecture standards, monitors the introduction of new technologies, and

directs the appropriate leverage of existing technology to increase returns on investment.

5   EXEMPTION

On a case-by-case basis, the CTO may approve a SAR exemption.

Information and technology systems or plans that previously received a SAR exemption must perform a SAR as new circumstances warrant.

Requests for exemptions to the Policy shall be made to the Deputy CTO for Enterprise Services.

6   POLICY ADMINISTRATION

This Policy shall be administered and monitored by the Deputy CTO for Policy.

The Policy must be reviewed annually, however the CTO reserves the right to change or amend the Policy at any time.