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## 2008 EXECUTIVE BRANCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE POLICY ISSUE PROPOSAL

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**Division: Information Technology**

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### ISSUE QUESTION

To what extent are Elected Officials, Political Appointees, the Information Technology Services Division, and State Employees responsible for protecting citizen data and information? In the efforts to make the state more efficient – is it more important services are conveniently online, or that the information is safe?

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION / HISTORY

The state collects information on every Missourian. Where you work, how much you make, have you ever been arrested, where were you born, have you ever had a communicable disease, and your social security number is all kept within the data tapes at the State Data Center. Each month nearly a million hackers attempt to penetrate state safeguards in order to access this information. The more sophisticated the hackers, the higher the cost of protection. So high, in fact, that we are often forced to make choices between new development and protecting the information we have.

### ISSUES TO CONSIDER

- There are costs benefits to moving services online – but the more services online, the more data is exposed.
- Cost savings generally go to the department programs, not to IT that traditionally has to pay for security.
- Without online services Missouri loses businesses, jobs, and the ability to serve citizens quickly.
- Security breaches can easily cost millions to repair.
- There has been no new money from general revenue (GR) in the last five years to improve security.
- Hackers get smarter everyday.
- Security breaches don't only cost state government, identity theft can cost individuals thousands of dollars.

### RESOURCES

- NASCIO "AT RISK" DVD
- RD Porter, Director of Security and Disaster Recovery
- Lori Kleckner, Security Coordinator
- Technology Trade Magazines

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### ISSUE QUESTION

Should the State of Missouri adopt a statewide building code?

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION / HISTORY

Building Codes establish minimum standards for the construction of buildings for the protection of public health, safety and welfare and address the design and installation of building systems through requirements emphasizing performance. There had been two or three codes used in the USA. In recent years the International Code Council (ICC) has published codes that have been widely adopted by several other states as well as cities and counties in the State of Missouri. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) code is also an important life safety code.

### ISSUES TO CONSIDER

What are the problems of not having a statewide code?  
What are the benefits?  
How have other states implemented and enforced building codes?  
There are varying degrees of adoption and enforcement what would be the best for our state?  
What are the costs to implement and enforce a code?

### RESOURCES

International Code Council (ICC)  
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)  
Other States and cities that have adopted codes  
Code Consultants  
State Fire Marshal  
FMDC staff

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