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**Statement to the Little Hoover Commission  
regarding a proposal to reorganize  
California's information technology (IT) functions  
by  
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TechAmerica is in support of the recommendations made by both Governor Schwarzenegger and the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) regarding plans to consolidate several statewide IT functions under the Office of the CIO (OCIO).

We concur with the Commission's finding that these organizational changes will not only empower the state chief information officer with the tools and resources necessary to enhance accountability but they will be a positive step towards the improvement of government performance using information technology (IT).

Many states have taken their cues from industry and have adopted a comprehensive enterprise system – one that streamlines operations and therefore permits the allocation of more government funds for citizen services. It is time for California to do the same.

While some questions remain regarding plans to provide the State CIO with expanded authority for IT procurement policy, we are confident that the areas of responsibility maintained by DGS and those that will be under the auspices of OCIO will soon become both clearly stated and transparent to the vendor community.

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