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Moses Carey Jr., Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Cabinet Secretaries and Executive Branch Agency Heads

FROM: Moses Carey Jr.

SUBJECT: Agency for Public Telecommunications

DATE: February 15, 2012

This memo is to provide notice that the Agency for Public Telecommunications (APT) will cease operations in 60 days, effective April 9, 2012. The difficult decision stems from loss of some of the anticipated bridge funding and receipts for the sidelined state portal project that would have been generated by administering the portal program in APT, and the inability to retain carryover funds to support a mandated transition to a new business format.

While prospects were more positive for the latter part of this fiscal year, analysis showed that this was a necessary step. Despite its frugal operation and the hard work of its dedicated, award-winning staff, APT has been unable to generate adequate revenue to cover its expenses.

APT has suspended production of *OPEN/net* but will work with clients to meet commitments for projects already in progress. For work still in the discussion phase, APT is working with agencies to ensure alternate implementation through in-house or external resources.

Since APT can no longer achieve its legislative duty to "contract for media placement and the creation of media to be placed," the Division of Purchase and Contract shortly will issue a blanket waiver of competition allowing agencies to handle media placements within their delegation without prior review by the Division. Details will be provided to Agency Purchasing Officers and Chief Fiscal Officers.

On behalf of APT employees, who have strived to meet client needs and achieve success for more than 30 years, I want to thank you for your agency's commitment to support APT's mission. We count on your continued interest as we endeavor to assist staff through this transition, especially in regard to identifying potential job opportunities within state government.

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