



# State of North Carolina Office of the State Controller

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Robert L. Powell, State Controller

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chief Fiscal Officers  
Chief Information Officers  
Business Officers

**FROM:** Robert L. Powell, State Controller  
Office of the State Controller

**SUBJECT:** Annual Information Technology Expense Reporting

As you are aware, G.S. 147 requires the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS), the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), and the Office of the State Controller (OSC) to jointly develop a system for budgeting and accounting of expenditures for information technology operations, services, projects, infrastructure, and assets. Annual reports regarding information technology expenditures are submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year.

The OSC prepares the annual Information Technology Expenditures Report using data from the North Carolina Accounting System (NCAS), the Department of Transportation financial system, the Personnel Management Information System (PMIS), and the UNC General Administration system. Until this year project/system specific financial data either came directly from NCAS using the project accounting functionality or agencies submitted information on updated spreadsheets directly to OSC.

The implementation of the Project Portfolio Management and Applications Portfolio Management tools by ITS now provides the capability for more comprehensive reporting of project and application specific costs. Therefore beginning with this year's report, OSC will include project and application information in its IT expenditure report based upon financial data agencies have input into these tools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Project accounting postings in NCAS no longer will be used to prepare the annual report.

Please refer any questions concerning the annual Information Technology Expenditures Report to Nancy Thomas of the OSC at (919) 855-6870. Questions regarding the portfolio management tools should be directed to Jim Tulenko of ITS at (919) 754-6606.

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