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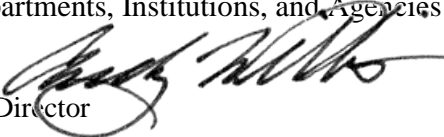
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads and Chief Fiscal Officers
All State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies

FROM: Andy Willis 
State Budget Director

RE: Status of IBIS Project

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Integrated Budget Information System (IBIS) project. Over the last few months, the IBIS team at OSBM has completed a top to bottom reevaluation of the IBIS project. During this time, staff also completed technical training, redesigned the system architecture, consulted with IBM experts, re-scoped the project, and recruited contract staff to help implement key technical components. The comprehensive review of the technical architecture resulted in a number of modifications to the system design that will improve workflow and address data integrity issues while enriching the user experience.

April 30, 2012 is our target date to roll out Wave 1 of the IBIS application. The first release will include all budget development functions and associated reports, structure maintenance functions (e.g., adding a new purpose code or center), and budget publications. At that time, we will offer a number of training opportunities for agencies. Since budget development for the short session will be well underway by April, you will continue to utilize our legacy budget systems to enter supplemental budget requests. Supplemental budget instructions will be issued at a later date. The Wave 2 release, which includes budget execution functions, will follow in late 2012.

As part of the re-scoping process, OSBM staff reviewed agency feedback provided through help tickets, phone calls, and emails from every agency. As we approach the Wave 1 release date, we will continue to provide information and gather agency input from prototype demonstrations and user testing.

I will keep you posted as we work to make IBIS a system that meets our budgetary, management, and data needs. Beginning in December, IBIS updates and timelines will be available on the OSBM website. We will also continue to provide periodic email updates. If you have questions about the status of IBIS, please contact Joyce Wallace at 919-807-4715 or do not hesitate to contact me at 919-807-4717.

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