Message from the Director and California State CIO
California Department of Technology

I am pleased to announce the release of the California Enterprise Architecture Framework – CEAF 2.0. Enterprise Architecture (EA) identifies the business processes that execute or support an organization's mission and defines how Information Technology (IT) assets directly enable those processes. An effective EA will ensure IT solutions are more pertinent and relevant for the business. The CEAF 2.0 is a much needed EA framework that enables state agencies to develop and use EA effectively and efficiently.

The release of the CEAF 2.0 is the first of four phases in updating the State of California's EA programs. The CEAF 2.0 is guidance and should be used as a road map to design an EA program ideally focused on outcomes that matter to California. Further guidance regarding EA will be released shortly through Reference Architectures, which will provide best-practice-based solutions to build core IT capabilities that can be reused and shared throughout State government.

All of us in the state IT community have a stake in ensuring the leveraging of technology to efficiently and effectively provide the public with services and information. As we collectively continue to address the technological challenges we face daily in State government, I encourage you to utilize the CEAF 2.0 guidance to establish or further strengthen your EA programs.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the good work of the members of the State Enterprise Architecture Committee in the development of CEAF 2.0. The committee members are leaders from various state departments' Information Technology divisions. I would also like to thank our private sector partners who participated in the draft review process for their valuable input as well.

Sincerely,

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