STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HER EXCELLENCY

M. JODI RELL

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut spends millions of dollars each year on the acquisition, design, development, implementation, and maintenance of information systems vital to the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, ensuring information systems deliver as expected and within established costs and timelines requires the use of a consistent set of development practices and methods; and

WHEREAS, use of a System Development Methodology is a best practice used extensively by industries and sectors; and

WHEREAS a System Development Methodology can help ensure that information systems meet state and agency mission objectives, are compliant with current and planned technical architecture, and are easily maintained and cost-effective to enhance.

NOW THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, acting by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and by the statutes of this state, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** that:

The Department of Information Technology (DOIT) issue and publish a System Development Methodology (SDM) and an SDM Policy for the development of information systems;

Executive branch agencies, and all information technology vendors and consultants retained by Executive Branch agencies to develop and deliver technology, with the exception of State institutions of higher education, conform to the DOIT SDM and the DOIT SDM Policy when planning and executing IT projects; and

The Department of Information Technology shall periodically report to the Office of the Governor on the implementation of the SDM and the SDM Policy and their benefits to the State of Connecticut.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 19th day of June, 2008.

M. JODI RELL
Governor

By Her Excellency's Command

Susan Bysiewicz, Secretary of the State