



February 5, 2016

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Ranking Minority Member, House State Government
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Senators and Representatives,

This letter is pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2015, chapter 77, article 2, sec. 85, which requires the chief information officer of MN.IT Services to report to the legislature on reduction in the number of chief information officers (CIOs) in state agencies. The report is required to include the number of CIOs on July 1, 2015, the number on January 15, 2016, and plans to reduce that number.

When IT consolidation was passed into law and first implemented in the fall of 2011, all executive branch information technology staff came under the management of the Office of Enterprise Technology (now MN.IT Services). At that time, twenty state employees were recognized by agency leadership as chief information officers, including the State Chief Information Officer role outlined in Minnesota Statutes 16E. Since 2011, through reorganization and reallocation of duties, that number was reduced to thirteen by July 1, 2015. As of January 15, 2016, twelve state employees employ the working title of chief information officer in serving their respective agencies.

Over the course of 2016, MN.IT Services plans further reorganization of its executive management structure. These changes will result in one individual, the State Chief Information Officer, as the sole state employee working under the title of chief information officer.

Please let me or my staff know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Baden', written over a white background.

Thomas A. Baden
Commissioner, State Chief Information Officer

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