



STATE OF NEW JERSEY TECHNOLOGY CIRCULAR System Architecture Review Policy	POLICY NO: 16-05-NJOIT	
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1. PURPOSE

A System Architecture Review (SAR) is required to ensure that information and technology solutions for the State are conceived, designed, developed, and deployed to maximize benefits and functionality while minimizing costs and risks. A SAR also ensures compliance with cybersecurity and architecture standards, monitors the introduction of new technologies, and directs the appropriate leverage of existing technology to increase returns on investment.

2. SCOPE

All Executive Branch Departments and State agencies (Agencies) are directed to cooperate fully with the New Jersey Office of (NJOIT) and the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) to implement the provisions of the Policy, and to ensure the effective use of information technology within the Executive Branch of State Government.

3. POLICY

The CTO shall perform a SAR on all plans for any modification and/or new installation to Executive Branch information systems (including but not limited to architecture, infrastructure, hardware, and software); to ensure those modifications are in alignment with the State's information technology strategy and in compliance with enterprise architecture standards.

4. EXEMPTIONS

On a case-by-case basis, the CTO may approve a SAR exemption. Information and technology systems or plans that previously received a SAR exemption must perform a SAR as new circumstances warrant.

Requests for exemptions to the Policy shall be made to the Deputy CTO for Enterprise Services.

5. AUTHORITY

N.J.S.A. [52:18A-224 through 52:18A-234](#), known as "The Office of Information Technology Reorganization Act."

NJOIT reserves the right to change or amend this Policy to comply with changes in Agency procedures. Any changes or amendments will be announced and made available on NJOIT's intranet under Policies. Changes in this Policy will be effective upon such publication or distribution and will not require employee sign-off.

6. ADMINISTRATION

This Policy is administered and monitored by the CTO at 300 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625.

The Policy must be reviewed annually; however, the CTO reserves the right to change or amend the Policy at any time.

Signature on File

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