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Carlos Ramos
Director, California Department of Technology
1325 J Street, Suite 1600
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Dear Director Ramos,

Thank you for participating in our March 11, 2015 Cloud Computing and Information Technology Procurement hearing. We appreciated the update on CalCloud and your thoughts about state efforts to move towards cloud-based solutions.

Both panels raised several important issues that could significantly impact future state IT procurement. Our committee would like to remain engaged in these issues. To facilitate that, we are requesting a cloud implementation update and additional information by September 15, 2015.

Please provide the following:

1. An update on state entities' CalCloud and commercial cloud participation, with a listing of how state entities are using CalCloud and commercial cloud solutions. Please describe new CalCloud products and services along with information about vendor participants.
2. Information about how risk and liability are identified and addressed in vendor contracts related to cloud technologies.
3. The extent to which state entities are following the "Cloud First Policy." Also, please describe the exemption process and the type of exemptions that have been sought and their outcomes.

Thank you again for working with us to ensure our members keep up to date on this important procurement area. Please contact Chief Consultant William Herms at (916) 319-3600 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rudy Salas Jr.", written over a blue circular stamp.

RUDY SALAS JR.
Chair, Committee on Accountability
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