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SUBJECT: Designation of ISO 27002 as Information Security Standard for MnSCU

In my capacity as Vice Chancellor, CIO and CISO for MnSCU, I wish to formally communicate that ISO 27002:2013 has been chosen as the information security standard for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. In consultation with our information systems community, my security team, as well as external entities such as the Higher Education Information Security Council, I feel strongly that this standard is the best fit for our system.

As you may well know, ISO 27K is now one of the leading, if not the number one set of information security standards worldwide, with over 7,000 organizations certified as compliant and many more using the standard without formally being certified. Additionally, MnSCU will be in good company with the North Carolina system, Virginia Tech, George Mason University and others higher education organizations having adopted the framework.

By successfully addressing 27002 objectives, MnSCU as a system will be positioned to comply with Federal and State legislative requirements for information security. Perhaps most importantly, adoption of ISO 27002 will provide MnSCU with an effective roadmap for our overall information security compliance program and provide the Office of Internal Auditing with a definitive audit standard.

ISO 27002 will be the designated Information Security Standard for MnSCU beginning July 1, 2015.

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