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STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

January 23, 2026

The Honorable Ben Gilmore, Co-Chair
The Honorable Les D. Eaves, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
315 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves,

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-4-122, I am requesting the advice of Arkansas Legislative Council on the attached request from the Office of State Technology.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Huckabee Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas



Department of Shared Administrative Services
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Secretary Leslie Fisken

December 19, 2025

The Honorable Sarah Sanders
Governor of the State of Arkansas
Arkansas State Capitol
500 Woodlane, Suite 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Approval – Governor Sarah Sanders

RE: Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Loan to the Information Technology Reserve Fund

Dear Governor Sanders:

In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-4-122, the Office of State Technology is seeking approval to request a loan from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund for \$4,700,000.00. The proceeds of this loan will be used to make major improvements by implementing a new platform for information technology service management, strategic portfolio management and centralized change management, and by consolidating similar IT tools. Additionally, funds will be used to assess all executive branch software applications to aid in consolidation of software licenses and modernization of outdated applications.

The anticipated result of these efforts will be cost savings through leveraged buying power, increased security through a reduction in unsupported and under secured software, efficiencies from consolidating tools into one platform, and reduction in the number of unplanned outages through a centralized change management system.

The Office of State Technology further certifies that in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-24-102, there are not sufficient reserves or other funding available to fund this project.

I am recommending that the proposed loan be approved in the best interest of the state. Upon your determination, the Office of State Technology will proceed with seeking this loan from the State Board of Finance. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Harton".

Jay Harton, Director
Department of Shared Administrative Services Office of State Technology

cc: Leslie Fisken, Secretary, Department of Shared Administrative Services
Courtney Traylor, Chief of Staff, Department of Shared Administrative Services
James Caldwell, Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Shared Administrative Services