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MEMORANDUM

To: Directors & Chief Financial Officers
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Subject: **FY 2023-2027 Capital Budget Process**

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Following the uncertainty of the past twelve months, this year's capital budget process presents an opportunity to look to the future. As we emerge from the pandemic, our physical and IT infrastructure needs have changed. We expect that capital budget requests will reflect that change. Governor McKee and his team are embarking on a ten-year strategic planning process, which you may have heard referred to as *Rhode Island 2030*. As this long-term vision takes shape, we expect it will also inform your budget requests.

In this year's capital budget process agencies may submit unconstrained requests for the period FY 2023 – FY 2027. We encourage agencies to submit capital requests which include funding for existing projects as well as request new projects when deemed prudent and necessary.

A major development which will require special consideration during the upcoming cycle will be the availability of new federal funding opportunities. The recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other proposals under consideration by the U.S. Congress make additional resources available to Rhode Island state and quasi-public agencies. While there is uncertainty around the ARPA technical guidance and the substance of pending legislation, the capital budget submission is an annual process well-suited to formally capturing all relevant proposals. Additional guidance from OMB will be forthcoming while we all await further clarity from our federal partners. Requests should take these facts into consideration.

We also wish to emphasize the essential role of DoIT and DCAMM in providing coordination and technical support to agencies in the development of their capital requests. State agency capital projects from any funding source that involve information technology, vertical construction, fleet purchases or asset protection will require coordination with the relevant DoIT or DCAMM staff. A new feature of this year's instructions is the requirement that capital requests from executive branch agencies require prior consultation and a letter of support from DCAMM.

We stand ready to assist agencies in preparing capital budget submissions for the five-year planning period by Friday, July 23, 2021. Please find the attached instructions for your review. Libby Kimzey will be scheduling Microsoft Team Training sessions for Department Chief Financial Officers/Project Managers commencing the week of May 31st. Libby can be reached at Libby.Kimzey@budget.ri.gov or 222-2113 if you have questions or require additional assistance during the process. Please also take note that OMB will be communicating updated agency analyst assignments for the FY 2023 budget cycle.

cc: OMB Budget Staff