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From: J. K. Stringer, Jr., Executive Director

Date: August 25, 2008

Re: MATA Implementation Update

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In compliance with the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008 (MATA), enacted with HB101 during the 2008 Regular Legislative Session, the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), will deploy Phases I and II of the MATA public access web presence on the Mississippi Management and Reporting System (MMRS) website at <http://www.mmrs.state.ms.us> on Tuesday, September 2, 2008. Look for MATA in the list of MMRS Applications Access box on the right.

Phase I includes the following components:

- Creation of a user-friendly, web-based database for manual entry of agency independent contract data. This database permits authorized agency staff to enter and modify agency independent contract data. See #5051 MATA Agency Contracts Web Interface training instructions for entry of manual data into the web-based database.
- Creation of a downloadable Excel spreadsheet and instructions for batch submission of agency independent contract data by authorized agency staff. See #2010 MATA Spreadsheet Agency Contract Load and Instructions for entry of spreadsheet data into the web-based database.
- Creation of appropriate security forms and instructions for agencies to properly authorize staff to populate agency independent contract data. See #2008 MATA Agency Contracts Web Interface Security Maintenance Form and #2009 MATA Agency Contracts Web Interface Security Maintenance Form Procedures on the MMRS website. **State agency staff should complete and submit these authorization forms as soon as possible.**
- Creation of public access queries for agency independent contract data, available at <https://merlin.state.ms.us>.

Phase II, public access queries of vendor expenditure data will also be available at <https://merlin.state.ms.us>.

Phase III, creation of a user-friendly, web-based database for manual entry of grant awards and supporting queries as well as public access queries of grant and sub-grant expenditure data are now in the requirements definition phase. Our goal is to deploy these functions on or before October 31, 2008. Our team is also researching the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requirements as well as the Federal Finance Report (FFR) proposed changes in an attempt to ensure that all related objectives can be addressed in Phase III of this project. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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