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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM
Office of the Chancellor

To: Deans, Directors, and Department Heads   **Date:** July 17, 2007

From: Sean O'Keefe
Chancellor

Re: **Leadership, Responsibility and Authority for the Security of Louisiana State University's Information Technology Infrastructure**

Due to the increasing level of threat in the area of data integrity and information technology (IT) security, the University must be increasingly vigilant in pursuit of securing its IT environment and information resources. This is even more important now, as we increase our investment in IT with new State monies that I have allocated to the implementation of the Flagship IT Strategy. I feel that this can best be achieved by centralizing leadership, responsibility, and authority for such security and integrity in the Office of the Chief Information Officer.

CIO Brian Voss has been directed through his office and the various advisory structures put in place by his office to be responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures necessary to secure sensitive information and to minimize the possibility of unauthorized access to LSU's IT infrastructure, regardless of the office involved. The CIO will be responsible for ensuring campus compliance with PM-36, through the effective use of more specific campus policies, procedures, and practices.

The CIO and his staff may draw upon the experience, expertise and resources of other University offices and personnel in fulfilling this responsibility. I expect the CIO and his office to assume leadership, responsibility, and control of all IT security and policy matters, regardless of the campus college or department involved, including, but not limited to, responses to unauthorized access to LSU's IT infrastructure and unauthorized disclosure of electronic information. As the circumstances arise, the CIO and staff will work in coordination with the LSU Police Department to assure compliance with law enforcement policies, procedures and partnering arrangements.

Further, the CIO is charged with enforcement of such policies and procedures and will take all steps necessary to ensure compliance on campus with such policies, procedures, and best practices.

On a specific such matter, one of the best ways to mitigate the risk of incidents and improve the security of the environment on our campus is to establish a single, central LSU Active Directory (or ADS). Therefore, effective immediately, I am directing all colleges and departments on campus to join the central LSU Active Directory managed by Information Technology Services (ITS) and to do so promptly.

Please contact Brian if you have questions.

Cc: Vice Chancellors, Vice Provosts