Sure sounds like an "I am holding my breath but putting on a brave front" kind of email. What is wrong with this project is contained in the sentence where Jim says "Preparation for the Phase 1B and Phase 2 Go-Lives will continue under the overall leadership of Dr. Jim Bryant, the State Chief Information Officer; and Pat O'Cain, the Deputy CIO for Enterprise Projects. Chris Shuman will step up as SCEIS Program Director." This project is not and never should have been a CIO responsibility. It should be a user managed project and Nat, etal are going to pay the price of letting George (Sorry I mean Jim) do it. Of course, here in SC we never do things the way they have been done successfully by others, and maybe that's why we are last in just about everything we should be first in, and first in just about everything we should be last in.

It gets kind of tiring and discouraging to see so much effort and so much money just wasted on incompetence, ignorance and just plain old arrogance.

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From: Marcia.Adams@SCDMV.net [mailto:Marcia.Adams@SCDMV.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 12:11 PM
To: mnlangrehr@bellsouth.net; chad@stickyfingers.com
Subject: FW: SCEIS Update from Jim Bryant

Mike and Chad,
This update has apparently been sent to all IT directors and finance directors in state agencies. They have scheduled a meeting of the oversight committee for January 17 from 2:30-3:30. To my knowledge, the full oversight committee has not been formally notified.

Marcia

-----Original Message-----
From: Earley, Jr., Jimmy E.
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2008 10:52 AM
To: Adams, Marcia S
Subject: FW: SCEIS Update from Jim Bryant

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-----Original Message-----
From: Blake, Trish
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2008 12:25 PM
To: Lake, Steven; Earley, Jr., Jimmy E.
Subject: FW: SCEIS Update from Jim Bryant

You may have gotten this, but just in case you didn't, FYI -

-----Original Message-----

TO: SCEIS Stakeholders
          SCEIS User Group
          SCEIS Project Team

FROM: Dr. Jim Bryant, SC Chief Information Officer

After a successful first Go-Live on November 5, the SCEIS Project Team is now gearing up for 2008 rollouts. The smooth Phase 1A Go-Live recently in November "proved the system" and is working well for the initial six agencies.

Among the two challenges we face immediately are changes in the onsite Team leadership and in the contracted support team. Regardless of these adjustments, the scope and mission of the Project remain unchanged.

Program Director Chuck Fallaw, who led the team to its successful completion of the Phase 1A launch, has chosen to pursue other opportunities. We congratulate him and thank him for the success of the first Phase.

Preparation for the Phase 1B and Phase 2 Go-Lives will continue under the overall leadership of Dr. Jim Bryant, the State Chief Information Officer; and Pat O'Cain, the Deputy CIO for Enterprise Projects. Chris Shuman will step up as SCEIS Program Director.

Chris is already deeply familiar with the Project, having been involved with the Phase 1A Go-Live. He brings extensive experience with several successful SAP implementations, and will guide the State Team well as they continue to build on the foundation already established.

The Project's immediate future includes a spring rollout for 11 agencies that have been selected as "functional fits" for the existing SCEIS production system. We are updating plans for future finance and procurement rollouts involving additional agencies and functionalities.

We are also reviewing proposals from vendors to assist with the Human Resources/Payroll rollout. The HR/PR team lead, Jennifer Lauer, has assembled a team that is already documenting the State's current processes, in preparation for the rollout of HR/PR modules.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support as the State CIO continues to deliver this strategic business technology for the future of South Carolina.

Jim Bryant, Ph.D.
State Chief Information Officer