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I am proud to share with you the Illinois Office of Comptroller's IT Milestone Report.

In the interest of providing improved services and increasing efficiency, the State of Illinois is committed to modernizing its outdated technology infrastructure. We strongly believe this investment of your tax dollars should be carefully monitored. Transparency into the contracts for outside vendors is key to hold entities accountable for meeting critical deadlines and spending within the guidelines of their agreements with state agencies.

As Comptroller, I serve as Illinois' chief fiscal and accountability officer. During my first term in office, I sounded the alarm about out of control tech spending and projects that failed to deliver for the state. The Office of Comptroller holds the power of the pen – in other words, we sign the checks – giving us a unique position in state government. When we saw unacceptable waste, we took action, even cutting off funding for troubled tech projects. Subsequent independent audits by state investigators validated many of the concerns we researched, documented and shared publicly.

I won't be a rubber stamp for bad deals. I have pledged to be an independent, tireless watchdog on behalf of Illinois taxpayers and we believe the IT Milestone Report provides a critical measure of oversight over costly technology infrastructure improvements. In this report, you will find information on all of the state IT contracts valued at over \$5 million. We have asked state agencies to file annual reports on the current status of various technology projects and, moving forward, this repository will serve as an assessment tool to determine whether or not our work to improve IT infrastructure is on track.

Thank you for taking time to learn more about our IT Milestone Report and we'll continue to look for new ways to serve as careful stewards of your tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Susana A. Mendoza

Illinois State Comptroller