Announcement of Vault Migration strategy, sent to Agency CIOs on March 5, 2020

I am pleased to announce that our WaTech team has developed a solution to migrate agency records out of the Vault. The best part? We have negotiated a contract with Quadrotech and WaTech is covering the entire third-party cost of the full migration if completed by June 2022.

As you know, the current Vault environment is reaching end of life June 2022 and original estimates for migrating the Vault content exceeded $2M statewide. We are pleased to be able to deliver a substantial savings to the state via this coordinated solution.

Requirements for the engagement with Quadrotech are based on the current environment, discussions with agencies during M365 readiness and industry best practices. We signed a Statement of Work and Purchase Order with Quadrotech this week and are anticipating scheduling migrations to begin in May.

This "white glove" migration of content from the Vault will include data validation through the transfer and will be included in the cost of email services agencies currently purchase from WaTech.

Key points:

- Migrations will include current Vault content as well as active and inactive email boxes.

- Destination for content is intended to be in Exchange Online Archive within the Enterprise Shared Tenant Microsoft 365 Office environment.

- If an agency would prefer not to be in the Exchange Online Archive, WaTech has arranged to provide Vault content for an agency on an agency-supplied hard drive.

- Agency migrations will be scheduled over the next two years to ensure the migration is complete before June of 2022. Note – costs for migrations beyond June of 2022 are not covered.

- WaTech will provide program management for the migration and partner with agency project teams to facilitate a smooth transition. Agencies will be responsible for managing their activities to prepare for and implement Microsoft 365 workloads.

- Content in the Exchange Online Archive will be searchable by Microsoft search tools – including standard search as well as Advanced eDiscovery.

I would like to thank DFW, DOC, DSHS and ECY, as well as the WaTech Advisory Committee, for partnering with us to address the issue and provided feedback that was used to help develop the migration solution.

We will begin migrating WaTech's Vault data first, and sharing our experiences and lessons learned along the way, as well as additional information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James Weaver
Director and State CIO