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The following statement from the Computing technology Industry Association (CompTIA) may be attributed to Grant Mydland, Director of State Government Relations and Grassroots Programs:

Washington, DC, June 29, 2004 – “CompTIA and its 210 Massachusetts members want to thank all those individuals who helped create and pass into law Massachusetts' new Information Technology (IT) Advisory Board (Board). In particular, CompTIA would like to congratulate Senator David Magnani for sponsoring the legislation, Representative Brian Dempsey for his House leadership, and Governor Mitt Romney for signing this 'good governance,' common sense legislation. Without any of these efforts, the Board could have not come into being, casting into doubt the Commonwealth's ability to properly commandeer the many technological and human resource challenges ahead as it makes its governance more IT-centric.

“The Board resulted from a February 2003 report designed to guide the Commonwealth's IT enterprise strategy. The report recommended that a permanent IT Advisory Board be established, with the Board dedicating itself to, among other things, the:

- Annual development of an MOU among the state's government branches on the use of IT standards and the strategic plan for the acquisition and use of IT;
- Analysis, review and oversight of major state-driven, IT initiatives for FY 2004 and beyond; and
- Collaborative creation of state IT policy that, through an inclusively-selected board of seven appointees from government, industry and consumers, benefits all Commonwealth stakeholders.

“We believe guidance to be provided by the Board will help create and maintain an IT enterprise infrastructure that simultaneously balances and cost-effectively responds to the needs of the Commonwealth's own administration, its citizens, and the local IT industry. To the extent it accomplishes this goal, the Board can be a model for other states as they seek to answer the myriad issues - technical and otherwise - associated with state-used and provided IT infrastructure.

“Again, we'd like to express our sincere thanks to those who made the Board a reality. As the Board moves forward, CompTIA stands ready to work with its appointees to help the Commonwealth best implement its IT programs for itself and its citizenry.”

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