



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia should maintain a goal of consistently paying its vendors in a prompt and efficient manner for goods and services provided to the state; and

**WHEREAS:** State paperwork associated with the payment of bills should be reduced wherever possible, including, but not limited to, the receipt of invoices from contractors/vendors electronically; and

**WHEREAS:** State prompt payment of bills should ensure the expanded interest of businesses to contract with the state, provide better prices to the state through increased competitive bidding and ultimately save taxpayer dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY**

**ORDERED:** That the Executive Order of May 2, 1991, establishing the Prompt Payment policy shall be **RESCINDED** and shall instead be addressed by policy of the State Accounting Office (SAO).

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all state agencies, departments, and institutions shall make payments to contractors/vendors consistent with payment terms.

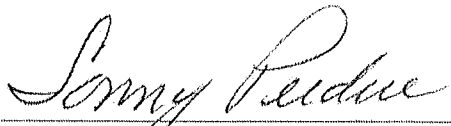
**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That all state agencies, departments, and institutions shall utilize electronic disbursement methods, consistent with **O.C.G.A. 50-5B-3(3)**, for payments to contractors/vendors when practical.

**IT IS FURTHER**

**ORDERED:** That prompt payment discounts are an effective tool that provides additional savings to the state and should be taken from the total invoice amount and are *in addition* to any other volume or other discounts negotiated.

This 21<sup>ST</sup> day of December, 2010.

  
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GOVERNOR