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**BUSH/JENNINGS 2006-2007 BUDGET SUPPORTS
MORE EFFICIENT, MORE RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT**

*~Budget includes salary increase, workspace improvements and other benefits
for state employees~*

TALLAHASSEE –Governor Jeb Bush and Lt. Governor Toni Jennings today announced their 2006-2007 budget recommendations for the Department of Management Services (DMS), allocating funding for programs that will help state agencies and state employees better serve Florida citizens.

“Government is only as good as its people, and the Governor’s budget supports our state agencies and our employees in their continued efforts to make Florida government more efficient and more responsive to the needs of Floridians,” said Department of Management Services Secretary Tom Lewis, Jr. “Funding earmarked for the Department of Management Services will allow us to deliver new, innovative, resource-saving solutions to our state agency customers.”

The Bush/Jennings 2006-2007 budget includes a 2 percent salary increase for state employees, effective October 1, 2006, with a maximum raise of \$1,500 for full-time employees, plus funding for other state employee benefits, facility improvements and technology services.

STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Governor Bush and Lt. Governor Jennings remain committed to providing state employees with affordable, quality health insurance with no premium increases and no changes in covered services in Fiscal Year 2006-2007.
- Giving state employees more choice and added flexibility to manage their health care, the Bush/Jennings budget, for the second consecutive year, provides a \$500 individual or \$1,000 family state contribution to a tax-free Health Savings Account for state employees who enroll in the Florida’s new low-premium, high deductible Health Investor Health Plan. The Health Investor Health Plan is increasing access to health

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insurance for state employees previously without coverage, while the Health Savings Account component gives employees greater flexibility in managing their out-of-pocket health care expenses.

- Ensuring that the Florida Retirement System remains actuarially sound, the Bush/Jennings budget includes a \$355 million increase in Florida Retirement System employer contributions for state agencies, the K-12 public education system, community colleges and universities.
- Governor Bush and Lt. Governor Jennings have pledged \$1.73 million for the State Employee Adoption Benefit Program, an \$847,334 (95 percent) increase over last year. Through this program, state employees who adopt a child from state custody may be eligible for \$5,000 per child or \$10,000 for a special needs child. Since launching the program in 2000, \$3 million has been appropriated on behalf of 300 children adopted by state employees.

STATE OFFICE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION

- Enhancing the quality and efficiency of state-owned office buildings, the Bush administration budget includes \$20 million for capital improvement projects and an additional \$6.25 million for reconfiguration projects to improve the use of existing space.

NEW TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- Protecting the state's computer network from hackers, viruses and other security threats, the e-administration budget earmarks \$2 million for the Office of Information Security and the new state-of-the-art Network Operations and Assurance Center.
- Pledging to improve access to the state's technology systems for all Floridians, Governor Bush and Lt. Governor Jennings have proposed \$333,000 to begin making People First!, the state human resource system, more accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Bush/Jennings administration's 2006-2007 budget for DMS includes a total appropriation of more than \$559 million.

The Department of Management Services serves those who serve Florida. The DMS provides administrative support for state agencies and state employees including human resource, insurance, retirement, office facility, purchasing, vehicle/aircraft, property surplus and information technology services. The DMS also works to ensure that state services are accessible for people with disabilities, partners with small minority- and women-owned businesses to increase diversity in state spending and monitors the operation of Florida's private prison system. For more information, visit www.myflorida.com/dms.

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