



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

May 23, 2008

To: State Agency Heads

Subject: Hiring Freeze

In order to proactively address the declines in state revenues that we are witnessing in the current economic climate, Governor Rell has asked the Office of Policy and Management to take necessary steps to plan for FY'09. All state agencies must recognize that Connecticut, like other states, is facing a difficult fiscal situation, and together, we must begin to address the issues before us this year, in FY '09 and in the succeeding biennium, by taking immediate action. In order to do this, the Governor has instructed me to issue a directive placing an immediate freeze on hiring and restrictions on the use of outside consultants for all executive branch agencies subject to OPM's overview. Exceptions will be made for those positions directly impacting public health and safety.

In addition, the Governor has instructed me to request that the constituent units of higher education and the other branches of government take similar steps to restrict expenditures. All agencies and branches of government will be impacted by the belt tightening that needs to be done at this time and in the following biennium. All agencies and branches of government should begin now to take the steps needed to control future expenditures.

Further guidance on how to implement this freeze will be sent to you under separate cover from OPM's Budget and Financial Management Division. I thank you in advance for your assistance in helping the State of Connecticut prepare for a sound fiscal future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Genuario".

Robert L. Genuario
Secretary