NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Information Technology ("DoIT") and the Connect New Mexico Council ("Council"), pursuant Paragraphs A and B of Section 9-27-6 NMSA 1978 and Paragraph C of Section 63-9K-4 NMSA 1978, proposes to adopt a new rule, 1.12.21 NMAC, GRANT PROGRAM RULES

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED NEW RULE IS: The purpose of these rules is to establish standards and practices for the development, challenge, application, award and administration of grant programs funded with appropriations to DoIT, the Council and attached agencies, bodies, offices and boards.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Paragraphs A and B of Section 9-27-6 NMSA 1978; Paragraph C of Section 63-9K-4 NMSA 1978.

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and proposed rule are available by electronic download from the DoIT website https://www.doit.nm.gov/rulemaking/ or the New Mexico Sunshine Portal.

DoIT will hold a public video/telephonic hearing on the proposed rule on January 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Join via Video: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3118026550?pwd=Q3BZR3ptSyt4eHNqeTIDUDdzNnZjZz09</u> Join via telephone: 1-346 248 7799 Meeting ID: 311 802 6550 Passcode: 680732

DoIT and the Council designate Bryan E. Brock to act as the hearing officer for this rulemaking. Oral comments will be accepted at the video/telephonic hearing from members of the public and any interested parties.

Written comments and proposals will be accepted through 4:00 pm on January 30, 2023. Responses to written comments or oral comments will be accepted through 4:00 pm on February 10, 2023. Comments may be submitted online at https://www.doit.nm.gov/rulemaking/ or may be filed by sending original copies to:

Melissa Gutierrez, Law Clerk, Department of Information Technology 715 Alta Vista St., Santa Fe, NM 87505

Written comments suggesting changes or alternatives to the proposed rule should provide justification for each suggested change or alternative and include all suggested rule language necessary to effectuate the suggested change or alternative. Suggested changes to the proposed rule should be provided in a redline format showing proposed deletions and additions.

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Only signed statements, proposals, or comments will be accepted. Scanned or electronic signatures conforming to federal and state court requirements will be accepted with the understanding that if there is any dispute regarding a signature, DoIT reserves the right to require that original signatures be provided to verify the electronic signature. All filings must be received between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except on state holidays. Any filings after 4:00 will be filed to the docket the next business day.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Any person with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing should contact Melissa Gutierrez at 505-819-7360 ten (10) business days prior to the hearing.

The Council and DoIT will consider all oral comments and will review all timely submitted written comments and responses.

ISSUED this 27th day of December 2023 /S/Peter Mantos