

- I've just seen demonstrations of what our agencies are doing to improve online government services.
- (optional: give examples of what you saw – CrimNet, fishing licenses, etc.)
- The purpose of government is to serve the people. The next step is to serve the people better.
- That's why I'm asking the Legislature for \$102 million – to fund 43 different information technology initiatives throughout state government.
- This will provide more access to citizens, more government services, more information, and with less hassle.
- That's why it qualifies with my budget priorities of strategic spending – this is an area where I expect a lot of bang for the buck.
- Call it “smart spending.”
- If you have any questions about the “nuts and bolts” of these systems – I give you Minnesota's Chief Technology Officer – Commissioner David Fisher.