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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Fiscal Officers of All Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions

FROM: Aaron Erickson, Deputy Director 
State Accounting

RE: July Month End Closed, Quarter to close by early next week

The state of Ohio processes approximately 1.5 million warrants a year, deposits of over \$50 billion annually, and pays approximately 64,000 employees every two weeks. With OAKS the state of Ohio has successfully implemented the most comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system of any state. Think about that for a second and recognize your contributions. This has not been an easy task. The State has come together with unparalleled cooperation between OBM, DAS, and every state agency to successfully achieve this task. It is in this spirit of cooperation and determination that OBM is pleased to announce that the month of July is now closed in OAKS.

OBM anticipates having August closed by Monday November 5th and closing September by early next week.

Over this weekend, all month end reports for July will be run and made available to users on Monday, November 5, 2007. Remember that some month end reports are now available ad hoc, so in these cases, your agency end user(s) will need to run the reports. There will be additional information regarding month end close reports in Monday's edition of the Financials Weekly Newsletter.

We appreciate the tremendous effort and assistance provided by your agency's staff in closing the first quarter. While challenges still present themselves, this is a monumental achievement by the State as we embrace this new way of doing business.