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Nebraska Information Technology Commission

RE: Request for Waiver, Password Construction

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**NITC Standard at Issue:** Password Construction

**Problem or Issue:** Currently the Nebraska Department of Revenue (Department) relies on the use of a State Identification Number and PIN to authenticate users for its public facing web applications. The Department and Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) are working on a new authentication system which will use individual usernames and passwords. This system will allow an individual user to be associated with a given organization and be assigned the necessary roles. The Department is also working with the Department of Labor to allow users to have the same username and password for both agencies' web applications. The development of this new authentication process is unlikely to be completed prior to the need for additional web applications. Specifically, Cigarette Tracking and the Prepaid Wireless Surcharge web applications need to be opened early in 2013 to be in compliance with legislative requirements.

**Description of the agency's preferred solution:** Allow the Department to continue using State Identification Numbers and PINs to authenticate users until the new authentication process has been developed. We are requesting this waiver for an 18 month period.

**Any additional information and justification:** The Department's preferred solution will allow us to continue offering new web applications in the short term while developing a longer term permanent solution.