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TO: Agency Directors

FROM: David Schumacher
Director

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SUBJECT: RESCISSION OF HIRING, PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS, AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FREEZE DIRECTIVES

Yesterday Governor Inslee rescinded Directives 20-05 and 20-05.1 (an update to Directive 20-05) which ends the freeze on agency hiring, personal services contracts, and equipment purchases. This decision was made in light of the budget passed by the Legislature and the improved economic forecast. Moving forward, agencies are expected to align their hiring, contract and purchasing activities within their appropriated funds.

We appreciate your dedication in reducing expenditures over the past year. Through our combined efforts, we were able to be good stewards of our public resources while limiting operational impacts during a very uncertain time.

If you have questions regarding the rescission of the hiring freeze, contact OFM State Human Resources at hiringfreeze@ofm.wa.gov.

If you have questions regarding the rescission of the freeze on personal services contracts and equipment purchases, contact Bonnie Lindstrom at bonnie.lindstrom@ofm.wa.gov. If your contract or purchase is related to information technology, contact Becci Riley at becci.riley@ofm.wa.gov.

cc: Jamila Thomas, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
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