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**AGENCY CONTACT MEMORANDUM #2013-0702**

**To:** Agency IT Leadership, Technical Contacts

**From:** James M. Fowler,  
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**Subject:** Intrusion Prevention System Blocking

To continue to protect the state's IT infrastructure and data against malicious activity, the Commonwealth Office of Technology has been blocking websites that could have a negative impact for the Commonwealth. These blocked sites include instant messaging, peer-to-peer file sharing clients and other unauthorized software, in compliance with the Commonwealth enterprise policies and standards.

The sites that are being blocked have been thoroughly reviewed to reduce the possibility of interrupting service or business activities. As we identify future sites, they will be added to the current list which [can be found by clicking here](#).

If we have blocked sites that have legitimate business purposes, please create an incident ticket with the Commonwealth Service Desk so COT staff can review your request. An exemption request may be required on the Security Exemption Request form (F085).

If you have any questions about the site blocking, please contact the Commonwealth Service Desk at (502) 564-7576 or by e-mail at [CommonwealthServiceDesk@ky.gov](mailto:CommonwealthServiceDesk@ky.gov).

**Blocked sites:**

*Netflix (will implement blocks soon)*  
*Hulu (will implement blocks soon)*  
*Pandora (will implement blocks soon)*  
Yahoo Messenger (Instant Messaging)  
Meebo Instant Messaging (Instant Messaging)  
AOL Instant Messenger (Instant Messaging)  
MSN Messenger (Instant Messaging)

Google Talk (Instant Messaging)  
ICQ (Instant Messaging)  
IRC (Instant Messaging)  
Swapper Alive (Peer to Peer)  
Bit Torrent (Peer to Peer)  
Limewire (Peer to Peer)  
Warez (Peer to Peer)  
Gnutella (Peer to Peer)  
Azureus (Peer to Peer)  
Thunder KanKan (Peer to Peer)  
Groove Virtual Office (Peer to Peer)

*On the Web*

Commonwealth Enterprise IT Policy - <http://technology.ky.gov/governance/Pages/policies.aspx>

Commonwealth Enterprise Architecture and Standards:  
<http://technology.ky.gov/governance/Pages/architecture.aspx>

Current list of sites blocked - <http://technology.ky.gov/services/Documents/IPS-Blocking-Information.pdf>

Security Exemption Request – <https://gotsource.ky.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-13130/>