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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARIZONA



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The Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

I respectfully submit this budget for the Secretary of State's Office for FY 2012 and FY 2013.

Since my appointment to this office approximately twenty months ago, I have focused trying to do more with less. During the downturn, this office has enjoyed almost a twenty-percent reduction in appropriated monies, nevertheless we have managed to reduce turn-around times and, I believe, increased the already high customer satisfaction.

I am also very concerned with protecting the integrity of our elections process. The Chavez litigation (challenging the integrity of touch screen machines and HAVA compliance) has now entered a new phase and we can expect costs to rise significantly until the scheduled trial in January of 2012.

With regard to the merger of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records with the Secretary of State's office, I am happy to report significant efficiencies in our IT division and great strides in voter outreach.

Finally, we are continuing to implement programs that focus on on-line automation in the business services realm and to provide better information to the voters on election night.

Thank you for your consideration of this budget.

Sincerely,

Ken Bennett
Secretary of State