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TALLAHASSEE- Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink is expanding the state's "Get Lean Florida" program to include a new Web site that will provide Floridians an easy place to suggest ways to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of state government.

CFO Sink's new and improved Get Lean Florida program will feature the interactive web site, www.GetLeanFlorida.com, and still include the toll-free hotline, 1-800-Get-Lean.

"As an outspoken watchdog for taxpayers, I am enlisting the help of everyday Floridians to crack down on government waste and abuse," said CFO Sink. "In these tough times, I am fighting against waste and protecting taxpayer dollars here in Tallahassee. Now I'm asking the people of Florida to help me, offer their good ideas, and tell us how we can make Florida get lean."

The new Get Lean Web site will allow Department of Financial Services (DFS) staff to alert state agencies when suggestions or tips are received. It will also allow DFS to track suggestions and responses and report on the results, to make sure these money saving tips are being used. The Get Lean web site will be

advertised through posters in government offices, public libraries, senior citizen centers, hospitals and other locations to notify Floridians about the program.

The Get Lean web site will spur new ideas and help build on efficiencies that state agencies already have implemented. For example, CFO Sink last year consolidated DFS's eleven consumer call centers into two call centers, resulting in an estimated taxpayer savings of \$5 million over five years.

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As a statewide elected officer of the Florida Cabinet, Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink oversees the department of Financial Services, a multi-division state agency responsible for management of state funds and unclaimed property, assisting consumers who request information and help related to financial services, and investigating financial fraud. Sink also serves as the State Fire Marshal.