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**Gov. Corbett to Highlight Cost Savings and Efficiency in State Government at First Innovation Expo**

**Harrisburg** – More than 20 state agencies will demonstrate how, thanks to Governor Tom Corbett's initiatives, innovation is saving millions of dollars and boosting productivity at the first Innovation Expo on July 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Keystone Building in Harrisburg.

The Innovation Expo will highlight projects undertaken by state agencies to reduce spending, eliminate waste and improve service. There will be informational booths and presentations, as well as the crowning of the Innovation of the Year by Governor Corbett.

The Governor's Innovation Office has tracked more than 80 projects with a combined $175 million in cost savings and productivity gains. An additional 140 projects with an estimated $200 million in savings and productivity are in progress.

"Pennsylvanians expect and deserve government that is efficient, effective and responsive to their needs," Corbett said. "Through the Governor's Innovation Initiative, we are making meaningful and measureable progress toward that goal."

The Innovation of the Year Awards will be presented to the top three innovation projects, as judged by a panel of volunteer private sector judges. Awards will also go to the top three innovation booths at the event.

"There is a lot of great work being done in state agencies to streamline operations and save money," Kelly Powell Logan, Secretary of Administration said. "It is important that we recognize these achievements and create a culture in state government that values innovation and supports constant improvement."

To learn more about innovation in state government or to submit your own idea, go to www.innovation.pa.gov.

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