

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

August 22, 2001
Room 531-N—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Tim Huelskamp, Vice Chairperson
Representative Tom Burroughs
Senator Jay Emler
Senator Larry Salmans
Representative John Faber
Representative Doug Gatewood
Representative Carl Krehbiel

Staff Present

Richard Hays, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Julian Efir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes' Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Bob Haley, Director of Administration, Kansas Department of Transportation
Walt Darling, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Highway Patrol
Mindy Yeager, Program Analyst, Kansas Highway Patrol
Bill Aron, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Highway Patrol
Fred Dautermann, Information Technology Supervisor, Kansas Highway Patrol
Don Heiman, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer
David Thomason, Director, Women and Infant Children (WIC) Program, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Morning Session

Vice Chairperson Huelskamp called the meeting to order due to the absence of Representative Morrison. He distributed a response to a request at the July meeting for information from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, in which Secretary Schalansky estimates that a new Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) will cost \$26 million, with 90 percent federal funding and 10 percent state funding (Attachment 1). SRS is requesting \$935,000 from the State General Fund for FY 2002 and \$1.34 million SGF for FY 2003.

Bob Haley, Director of Administration, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), reported on the current information technology projects filed and approved by the Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO), all but the last of which had been previously reported to the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) (Attachment 2). All of the following are funded by the State Highway Fund:

- **Access/Entrance Permit Database.** The project will identify every entry point onto the state highway system, creating a database to enable KDOT to issue permits that assure safety for drivers and reduce disputes regarding right-of-way enforcement. Presently, the system is being tested in District One and will be completed in FY 2002 at a total cost of \$450,000.
- **Electronic Accident Data Collection and Reporting.** Presently, all accident reports are paper transactions, with approximately 85,000 reports annually from 450 reporting agencies. The project will allow an option for law enforcement officers to file all accident reports electronically. The present phase is a pilot project at three sites. The pilot project will be completed in December 2001 and the system will then be made available (including software and a training guide) to any Kansas law enforcement entity. The total cost of the project is \$700,000 and includes \$570,000 for the pilot project. Answering questions, Mr. Haley said that hardware was provided to the pilot sites but will not be provided to other agencies. He estimated the project will save KDOT about \$100,000 annually, but that the greatest savings will accrue to other law enforcement agencies. Members requested a cost estimate for agencies that wish to implement the reporting system.
- **Truck Routing Information System.** The present manual routing system for super-overweight/oversized vehicles is time-consuming and labor-intensive. By using an electronic database for road and bridge restrictions, the project will streamline the permit process and minimize delays. Presently, the project is in Phase I to determine the feasibility of the project, which will be completed in January 2002 at an estimated cost of \$165,000. Phase II will implement the project. Noting that the overweight/oversize permits are issued by both KDOT and the Kansas

Department of Revenue (KDOR), members expressed concern that the two agencies may be creating parallel systems; they urged KDOT to assure compatibility between the new system and KDOR facilities. Answering questions, Mr. Haley said no real-time tracking would be available through the system. He said the entire project is scheduled for completion in FY 2003 at a total cost of \$640,000.

- **Construction Management System (CMS).** Mr. Haley noted that the original CMS, built in 1992, has been one of KDOT's most beneficial systems, but that advances in technology have made dBASE IV obsolete and without technical support. The new system will provide field engineers with up-to-date information about contracts and enable timely payment to contractors. Total cost for the project, now in its final phase, is estimated to be \$3.2 million and is scheduled for completion in September 2002. Because of consultant delays, the project is one to two months behind schedule. Answering questions, Mr. Haley said KDOT follows the American State Highway Transportation Association (ASHTA) uniform standards to assure the agency utilizes current technology.
- **Construction Detour Reporting System.** This web-based system, now in its initial phase, will provide graphic and text information to the public regarding construction activity along the 10,000 miles of state highways. Phase I costs are estimated to be \$158,000, with total costs of \$514,000. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2002.
- **Data Warehouse.** This comprehensive system will provide integration, a repository, and a single access source for all KDOT systems. The first phase (Conceptual and Planning) will be completed in September 2001 at a cost of \$280,000. Members requested a total cost for the project.

The minutes for the July 18-19, 2001, JCIT meeting were approved as amended to add information about reverse auctions. (Motion by Senator Salmans; seconded by Representative Krehbiel.)

Walt Darling, Chief Financial Officer, Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP), outlined projects designed to automate KHP. Noting the old agency procedures were entirely paper-based and information was difficult to retrieve on a timely basis, he said the new systems would integrate data, save time, and make information immediately available (Attachment 3). He said the Computer Aided Dispatch System is now fully operational.

Mindy Yeager, KHP Program Analyst, explained the Automated Field Reporting System, illustrating the simplicity of using the 12 electronic forms and tracing the workflow routed through the Records Management System.

Fred Dautermann, KHP Information Resource Specialist, provided a live demonstration of the forms and the workflow that is being developed.

Bill Aron, KHP Chief Information Officer, further demonstrated the Records Management System, noting that it is a repository for all agency information and allows integration of further modules, such as the Seized Property Inventory and Personnel Scheduling. Mr. Darling said that all systems have been completed and are presently being integrated into KHP operations. Answering questions, Mr. Darling said all consultant contracts were fixed-cost and all software was off-the-shelf purchased from consultants and modified for KHP. The cost for the final (fifth) phase is projected to be \$383,865. Mr. Darling will supply a summary of costs for all prior phases.

Afternoon Session

Don Heiman, Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer, presented a review of the Kansas Department of Administration's Accounting and Payment System Project (Attachment 4). He said the present Statewide Accounting and Reporting System (STARS), developed in 1990 and kept current over the years with patches and modifications, is obsolete, is not relational, does not perform General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) accounting, and is not Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) 34 compliant. The new system should avoid duplication among the various agencies, enable consolidation of procurement, and facilitate system integration. Phase I, a feasibility and needs assessment, will be completed by January 2002 with the assistance of Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting). The cost for Phase I is \$574,000 and will be funded from user fees. Answering questions, Mr. Heiman said the project assessment will allocate the percentage of system resources needed by each of the 138 Kansas agencies. Mr. Heiman agreed to include the Legislative CITO in all meetings related to this project.

Mr. Heiman reviewed the Project Status Report for May-June 2001 (Attachment 5). He said the KHP automation project is five months behind schedule due to enhanced requirements for training. He stated that the Criminal Justice Information System repository will go live in September of 2001, and that the Juvenile Justice Information System is progressing on schedule. He noted that the SRS Medicaid Management Information System upgrade and other changes mandated by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) will be the largest project ever attempted by the state.

Mr. Heiman reported on a pending decision for the Department of Administration to upgrade PeopleSoft release 7.0 of the Statewide Human Resources and Accounting and Payroll known as SHaRP (Attachment 6). He said PeopleSoft will cease support for 7.0 in December of 2001, and his office is presently doing a Federation for Information and Documentation (FID) analysis before deciding whether to upgrade to release 8.0. The FID analysis, done by Accenture, will cost \$246,640. If significant modifications are required, he may choose to wait for release 9.0 before upgrading the software. If modifications can be scripted to mesh seamlessly without reinstalling the entire system (last reinstall cost \$3.8 million), he may choose to upgrade to release 8.0 at a cost estimated between \$0.8 and \$1.4 million, with the cost funded by user fees paid by state agencies. Mr. Heiman distributed follow-up information from the previous meeting regarding Microsoft's new licensing policies (Attachment 7).

David Thomason, Director, Nutrition and Women and Infant Children (WIC) Program, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, outlined a project to move the WIC program from a paper-intensive process to an electronic one. He said the present voucher system, handled by a private firm, is paper-based. The new system will enable workers to create vouchers on a PC, hand them to the recipient, who can cash them like a check at the supermarket, and to enable the grocer to receive immediate payment. Funded entirely from federal funds, the project planning has been completed and an RFP issued; however, a rebid became necessary when the first bids from two providers came in above the funds available. A revised RFP has been issued and it is hoped that a vendor will be selected by October 2001, with a completion date projected for FY 2003. The new system most likely will utilize software presently operating in another state and be modified for Kansas. There were four bidders in the most recently closed second round, with three having operational software that was certified by the federal government in another state.

JCIT members discussed topics for future meetings. The Committee agreed to change the October meeting dates to Monday and Tuesday, October 8-9, 2001.

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