

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

August 22, 2002
Room 531-N—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Tim Huelskamp, Chairperson
Representative Jim Morrison, Vice Chairperson
Senator Jay Emler
Senator Larry Salmans
Senator Chris Steineger
Representative Doug Gatewood

Staff

Richard Hays, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Bruce Roberts, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer
Rick Miller, Chief Information Technology Architect
Jim Hollingsworth, Executive Director, Information Network of Kansas
Hank Sipple, Director of Information Resources, Department of Agriculture
Kelly O'Brien, Judicial Chief Information Technology Officer
Gordon Lansford, Director, Kansas Criminal Justice Information System
Alice Adams, Morris County Clerk of the District Court
Steve Patterson, Chief Information Officer, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Bob Haley, Director of Administration, Kansas Department of Transportation
Jude Butler, Project Manager, Truck Routing Information System, Kansas Department of Transportation
Bob Hedberg, Deputy Director for Research and Prevention, Juvenile Justice Authority

Bruce Roberts, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO), recognized one of his staff, Andy Scharf, Director of Communications, who is retiring after 20 years of service. Mr. Roberts invited members to attend a reception honoring Mr. Scharf on September 16, 2002, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., in Room 313-S of the Statehouse. Mr. Roberts also introduced Eldon Rightmeier, previously with Southwestern Bell and Sunflower Broadband, who will assume Mr. Scharf's duties.

Mr. Roberts reviewed the Summary of Bimonthly IT Projects Reports (Attachment 1). He noted a new symbol (+) on reports indicated the project manager had been certified through DISC's Project Manager training program. He said that two projects were on hold (Department of Revenue's Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal Replacement and Department of Transportation's Construction Detour Reporting System) and two Department of Transportation (KDOT) projects had been completed (the 800 MHz communications system and the Electronic Accident Data Collection and Reporting Project). Twenty-one projects were rated in good standing. Two projects at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) were being monitored for scope changes or missed targets (Health Alert Network and Vital Statistics Integrated Information System).

Jim Hollingsworth introduced himself as the new Executive Director of the Information Network of Kansas (INK). He said INK grossed over \$7 million last year, with 67 percent returned to state agencies as fees collected pursuant to statute. Noting that the Kansas Information Consortium (KIC) has held the contract to provide the INK Network Manager Services for the past 10 years, Mr. Hollingsworth said the service contract recently was put out for bids (Attachment 2). The Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to all companies identified by a Gartner Group list of eGovernment vendors. He said INK received ten inquiries and two RFPs by the closing date of August 6, 2002, with Trizen Systems and Kansas Information Consortium submitting proposals. Answering questions regarding why some of the larger companies may not have submitted proposals, Mr. Hollingsworth said Southwestern Bell did not want to relocate program development staff from Dallas to Topeka and Broadvision wanted to utilize Sprint, which opted out of bidding on the contract. He said the next round involves negotiations with the two potential vendors, and that the goal is to award a contract by December 1, 2002. Mr. Hollingsworth listed the Steering Committee members as Bruce Roberts; Tim Blevins, Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR); Ben Nelson, Chair and Information Technology Bureau Chief, KDOT; Ron Thornburg, Secretary of State; and himself.

Mr. Hollingsworth noted that the KAN-Ed project and the Kansas Business Center were requiring more multiple-agency cooperation. Members requested that legislative websites be more maintenance-friendly. Further discussion centered around budget reporting practices of INK and its interaction with state agencies, especially agency transactions through INK that might not be reported as expenses, but were used to reduce reported income.

Mr. Roberts reviewed two Department of Administration projects, the Budget Management System which has been completed, and the Statewide Human Resources and Reporting and Payroll (SHARP) upgrade to release 8.0 (Attachment 3). Mr. Roberts stated that PeopleSoft support for release 7.02 ended in June 2002, and that the upgrade to Version 8.0 will maintain vendor support. Further, he said that because 8.0 is web-enabled, the upgrade will be the first major self-service statewide application, will provide additional

electronic payment capacity as well as paper checks, and will simplify work-flow. Version 8.0 will eliminate a number of custom modifications, thereby reducing consultant expenses by 12 percent. The total cost of the three-year project is estimated to be \$3.8 million, with \$1 million in consultant fees. The project places cost-benefit at \$4.8 million, with a break-even after 21 months. Mr. Roberts said that the first paychecks on the new system will be issued June 16, 2003.

Rick Miller, Chief Information Technology Architect (CITA), reviewed the Statewide Aerial Photo Basemap Project, which will update the state's 1991 aerial photograph database ([Attachment 4](#)). He said Phase I, the aerial photography, is 90 percent complete and that quality assurance (Phase II) began in June 2002. To date the contractor has received acceptance from the United States Geological Survey for 10,360 linear miles of photography, or 40 percent of the total project area. He reported that the project is ahead of schedule and on budget with an estimated total cost of \$1.1 million. Mr. Miller included in his report answers to members' questions from a previous JCIT meeting. He said the Department of Defense also does mapping, but the photographs are not comprehensive, with only specified areas covered (the "120 cities" program). Although this information is available to the public, it does not cover rural areas. He said the state's aerial photography, rather than duplicating federal efforts, is used by federal agencies. Answering further questions, Mr. Miller said the Farm Service Administration's aerial photography cannot be rectified for the GIS database. He said satellite imagery does not meet national standards for accuracy, and the cost of \$80 per square kilometer is more expensive.

Hank Sipple, Director of Information Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, provided an update on the agency's migration from FilePro to Oracle, a process needed to integrate registrations, inspections, and enforcement tracking ([Attachment 5](#)). He said the project is within budget but, due to staff family emergencies, is one month behind schedule. He stated that the total cost of the project is estimated to be \$962,572, and includes Phase I, completed in January 2002, and Phase II, to be completed by June 30, 2003. Answering questions, Mr. Sipple said the delay did not escalate costs and that the Passport project has been closed, with any remaining work rolled into the present project.

Legislative CITO Richard Hays introduced the new Judicial CITO, Kelly O'Brien, who briefed the Committee on the Judicial Branch's fully integrated statewide case management system known as FullCourt ([Attachment 6](#)). He said the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) released an RFP in October 2000 and, in January 2001, narrowed the selection to three vendors (Systems and Computer Technology, ISMA, and Justice Systems, Inc.), and awarded the contract to Justice Systems Inc. (JSI) in May 2001. He said JSI has experience with statewide systems, has staff who understand the courts and its system, FullCourt, which is an open system already operating in over 100 courts. He noted that implementing FullCourt in three pilot sites (Anderson, Morris, and Potawatomie Counties) went smoothly. The three-year project is funded by a Byrne Grant (75 percent) and judicial funds for a total cost of \$6,031,868. Additional OJA funds will be required to purchase 1,500 court user licenses at \$1,800 each. A further addition of a probation module will add \$369,975 to the cost, which will be shared by Byrne Grant (75 percent) funds and 25 percent from OJA.

Gordon Lansford, Director, Kansas Criminal Justice Information System, said that Byrne Grants are project-specific, and through federal formula, are allocated by a state committee to specific projects. Alice Adams, Morris County Clerk of the District Court,

reported that the pilot project in her county found FullCourt to be user-friendly, provided better information, reduced errors, offered excellent technical support, and enabled her office to track warrants and other documents. She said the state provided the software, and her office provided the hardware.

Steve Patterson, Chief Information Officer, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), reported on HIRM, the HIPPA Implementation Replacement of the MMIS System (Attachment 7). HIPPA is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. HIPPA prompted SRS to evaluate their Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), after which the agency realized that MMIS could not accommodate all the provisions of HIPPA. HIRM was initiated. Mr. Patterson said the project has four phases:

- HIRM-AN (completed on time and within budget on February 1, 2002), which awarded the MMIS contract to Electronic Data Systems (EDS);
- HIRM-TO, completed on time and within budget on July 1, 2002, at which time EDS took over the MMIS from Blue Cross Blue Shield;
- HIRM-DesIT, the current phase for design, implementation, and testing of the new system;
- HIRM-STAR/HIRM-STIT, combined the final two phases after HIPPA extended the deadline for completion to October 2003, allowing time for additional analysis and testing of HIPPA requirements.

Answering questions, Mr. Patterson said the total cost of the project will be an estimated \$26 million, as reported in Attachment 1. To date through June 30, 2002, \$6,734,552 has been spent.

Bob Haley, Director of the Administration, reviewed current KDOT projects (Attachment 8). He noted that each project follows the Kansas Project Management Methodology, with all project managers trained and certified. He said the Access/Entrance Permit Database, a project to list all entrances into state highways, is ready for implementation. He stated that the Construction Management System, initially developed in 1992 and updated in 1998, will go into production later this fall. He noted that the Construction Detour Reporting System, a public information service, is presently on hold to assure that deliverables meet requirements. He said the delay will not add to the cost. The Data Warehouse, scheduled to be completed June 2003, is on time, within budget, and will provide web-based information from various KDOT systems. Mr. Haley reported that the Electronic Accident Data Collection and Reporting Project, after three pilot projects, has been completed and is now available to local law enforcement units. Answering a question, Mr. Haley said he believed the information provided through the project was public information. Mr. Haley said the Truck Routing Information System is nearing completion and will enable KDOT to project road and bridge restrictions for oversize and overweight vehicles. Jude Butler, Project Manager for the project, demonstrated the system.

Bob Hedberg, Deputy Commissioner for Research and Prevention, Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA), reported on the progress of the Juvenile Justice Information System

(Attachment 9). He said the infrastructure is now in place at the four juvenile correctional facilities and in every county where there is a community corrections agency or juvenile intake and assessment center. The project, which provides software for the infrastructure, was refiled to accommodate Information Technology Executive Council standards. It is being done in five phases; current work includes phases 2 and 3. Phase 4 will be refiled with the Executive CITO in October 2002. The two-year project was begun in January 2002, and the estimated total cost will be \$1.9 million, a figure which includes \$1.4 million from the State General Fund. He said the project is currently within budget.

The minutes for the June 19-20 JCIT meeting were approved on a motion by Senator Steineger, seconded by Representative Morrison.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16-17, 2002.

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Approved by Committee on:

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