

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Room 519-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Tim Huelskamp, Chairperson
Representative Joe McLeland, Vice Chairperson
Senator Larry Salmans
Senator Derek Schmidt
Representative Jim Morrison
Representative Joe Shriver

Staff

Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Matt Spurgin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Diana Lee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer
Brian Huesers, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Ray Seggelke, Envision Technology Project Manager
Bill Watts, Bureau Chief of Management and Budget, Kansas Department of Transportation
Jessica Rose, Project Manager, Adjutant General's Office
Joe Hennes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Information Systems, Kansas Department of Administration
John Oliver, Chief Information Officer, KPERS

Morning Session

Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO), provided a draft proposal to modify the approval process for agency Information Technology (IT) projects over \$250,000 (Attachment 1). She noted that, if a feasibility study reaches the \$250,000 level, it becomes a separate project. She said that the proposed approval process requires a preliminary, high-level approval. After an RFP results in a contract award, a more detailed project plan must be

approved by the Executive CITO before the project can begin. The Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) is to be notified at three stages of the project:

- When the initial, high-level approval is given;
- If the contract award has a 10 percent or more variance from the initial approval;
and
- When the project is completed.

Commenting on the lag time between project approvals and when the JCIT receives notification, the Chairperson recommended that members be notified by e-mail as developments occur in the project.

Ms. Moore commented on the agency quarterly report for July, August, and September, 2004 (Attachment 2). She summarized the report findings: no projects are on hold, 19 projects are in good standing, eight new projects have been approved, and plan costs total \$134 million. The following projects were highlighted:

- The Board of Healing Arts software enhancement project is no longer on hold; approval was granted in September 2004 and a contract awarded to GL Suites. The projected cost is \$550,000.
- The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Kansas Immunization Registry project was approved in August 2004, and funded from federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) resources.
- KDHE's Network One Stop project, funded by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, has been delayed.
- KDHE's Safe Drinking Water Information System's implementation has been delayed from June 2005 to November 2005 because the migration of chemistry laboratory data has been more extensive than was first thought.
- The Kansas Department of Labor's (KDOL's) America's Job Link, now operating in four states (including Kansas), was approved in July 2004.
- The KDOL's Unemployment Insurance Benefits System Modernization project received high-level approval in August 2004. The project team is presently reviewing three Requests for Proposals (RFPs).
- The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) received high-level approval for the Information Systems Replacement Project in August 2004 and awarded a contract to Sagitec.
- The Kansas Secretary of State received high-level approval in July 2004 for ELVIS (Election and Voter Information System), a project that includes a centralized election management database and which will place at least one accessible voting machine in every precinct in Kansas. The project cost is estimated to be \$8.1 million; the vendor contract was awarded to Accenture.

Answering questions, Ms. Moore said the ELVIS project costs were primarily for software and did not include hardware for local offices.

Ms. Moore continued her comments on the agency quarterly reports:

- The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services' (SRS') Enterprise Circle Plan was recast. Ms. Moore said that SRS, KDOL, and Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) have considered cooperative work on large projects.
- The SRS HIPAA Implementation and Replacement of MMIS deadline has been extended from October 2004 to December 2004.
- The Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT's) Advanced Public Transportation pilot program in Hays and Hutchinson, approved as a prototype in August 2004, if viable, will be expanded to six more areas (Phase 2) and then nine additional areas (Phase 3) at an estimated cost of \$1.4 to \$1.6 million.
- Kansas Wildlife and Parks Department's Kansas Outdoor Automated Licensing System, contracted through Central Bank of Jefferson, Missouri, requires no up-front costs to the agency.
- Fort Hays State University's Administrative System Replacement is being delayed to allow the staff to become familiar with the financial and student information systems before beginning on the human resources component of the project.

Regarding the Kansas State University's Legacy replacement project, which was being developed as a template for Oracle to market to other customers, a member noted that Oracle's purchase of PeopleSoft might be a disincentive for Oracle to continue with the project.

Ms. Moore listed recently approved projects not in the quarterly report, including:

- The Department of Administration received approval November 8, 2004, to replace the Tier 1 storage and switch, a project which will benefit several agencies.
- Wichita State University's Information Management System replacement project was approved October 18, 2004.

Regarding the Wichita State project, it was noted by a member of the Committee that actual expenditures had been reported in FY 2004 prior to June 30, 2004, and months before the approval date of October 18, 2004. The Executive CITO indicated that the prior expenditures would be reflected in future quarterly reports and apologized for the omission in the current report.

Regarding the Adjutant General's Kansas Homeland Security and Defense Mapping Tool, a member questioned why the Kansas Bureau of Investigation was not involved in the project.

Ms. Moore commented on planned projects, including the Department of Administration's SHARP upgrade to version 8.9 (estimated cost \$655,000), KDOR's Remittance Processing System upgrade (estimated cost \$800,000), the SRS Document Management Project, and ten projects by

KDOT. She said that Emporia State University had received funding for their Information Management System and would begin reporting on that project soon.

Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes Office, reviewed a 2004 SRS proviso prohibiting offshore contract work and the application of that proviso to a contract involving KPERS, Sagitec, and Patni ([Attachment 3](#)). She said that the contract would not violate the offshore prohibition, if it had applied to agencies other than SRS. Answering questions, Ms. Lee said there was no contractual penalty for violation other than a breach of contract. Members expressed concern that, even if the contract was in compliance with the proviso, there was the appearance of allowing outsourcing offshore. One member noted that the proviso was specifically directed at SRS and that, if an offshore policy was too restrictive, it could hamper trade agreements.

Afternoon Session

Brian Huesers, Chief Information Officer, KDHE, reviewed a Network Infrastructure Project, stating that the requirements of additional bandwidth and security, the need for 24-hour service, and adding a GIS (Geological Information Systems) component all pointed toward network enhancement ([Attachment 4](#)). He said that the total cost of \$360,000 will come from CDC funds and the replaced equipment can be used elsewhere on the state network.

Mr. Huesers introduced Sue Bowden, Director of the Immunization Program, and Deborah Warren, Project Manager, then reviewed the Kansas Immunization Registry project ([Attachment 5](#)). He said the project will collect, consolidate, maintain, and protect the privacy of all immunization records in Kansas, as well as provide extensive resources for all designated users. He stated that the browser-based system will interface with Vital Statistics, Medicaid, local health departments, Women, Infants, Children (WIC), and some private providers, and will follow standards established by the National Immunization Program. He noted that future interfaces might be linked to public schools, other KDHE programs, and insurance companies. He said the RFP resulted in a contract with Envision Technology Partners of Lakewood, Colorado.

Ray Seggelke, Envision Project Manager, provided a demonstration of the system, noting that the vendor will deliver the source code along with the program, in order to allow the agency to maintain the system in-house. Answering questions, Mr. Huesers said Clark County (Nevada), Boulder County (Colorado), and Santa Clara, California, were presently using the system, noting that the system required only a few added fields for KDHE.

Jessica Rose, Project Manager, Adjutant General's Department, presented the recently approved Homeland Security and Defense Mapping Tool project ([Attachment 6](#)). She said the project is a collaborative effort to enhance infrastructure communication between the Adjutant General's Department, KDHE, and the Kansas GIS Clearinghouse's Data Access and Support Center, as well as with federal and local entities. The tool's purpose is to provide geo-spatial data to increase homeland security planning, response, and mitigation. Answering questions, Ms. Rose said the project originated from the federal Office of Domestic Preparedness through the Governor's Homeland Security Council. The \$412,500 cost is funded through the federal agency. She said the Kansas Bureau of Investigation is not an official project partner, but a representative has been attending the planning meetings. She said the project team has also been working with David Lake, Administrator of Emergency Medical Services.

Bill Watts, Bureau Chief, Management and Budget, KDOT, previewed changes in the Statewide 800 MHz Communication System, noting that the project is a response to 2004 HB 2756 enacted

last session ([Attachment 7](#)). He said the legislation allows the Secretary of KDOT to purchase 800 MHz equipment and lease it to public safety agencies, using bond monies if necessary, in order to enhance communication among state and local entities. He outlined three possibilities:

- □ Use the current KDOT 800 MHz system, which limits a group to a single frequency within the range of one tower;
- □ Build a “trunked” 800 MHz system, which would allow all 800 MHz users to communicate statewide (estimated cost, \$37 million); or
- □ Create an interoperable system, which would allow statewide communication among users of different communication systems, e.g. 150 MHz, 400 MHz, 800 MHz (estimated cost, \$70 million).

Mr. Watts said presently, the agency is surveying current and potential users and assessing funding options. He noted that the interoperable system creates funding complications and may exceed the agency’s statutory authority.

Joe Hennes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Information Systems, Kansas Department of Administration, reported on the need for increased tier 1 data storage capacity and speed ([Attachment 8](#)). He explained that tier 1 storage relates to mission-critical data, which is linked to a Storage Area Network switch, which allows numerous servers to share the same storage device. He noted that the present system is nearing its maximum capacity. Stating that the Bureau invited KDOR and SRS to participate with Division of Information Systems and Communications DISC in order to leverage better pricing, he noted that the preliminary project plan has been approved and the project team is awaiting bid specifications. He said the new storage system will be able to make simultaneous mirror copies in two separate locations without taking the system offline.

Denise Moore reported that the Secretary of State has \$30 million available from the federal government through the Help America Vote Act. Members requested that the Kansas Information Technology Office track expenditures to assure funds are properly allocated, and Ms. Moore agreed to such tracking of expenditures.

Members discussed the KPERS contract with Sagitec and Patni. John Oliver, Chief Information Officer, KPERS, provided further documentation to assure the Committee that the agency would be in compliance with the proviso for SRS, noting further that KPERS would welcome any suggestions to clarify the contract language. [Attachment 9](#) lists the principals on the KPERS project team (MTG Management Consultants, Sagitec, and Patni). [Attachment 10](#) is the signed contract between KPERS and Sagitec. [Attachment 11](#) is the signed Memorandum of Understanding between KPERS and Patni Computer Systems.

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