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JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

<u>June 10, 2004</u>
<u>Room 526-S—Statehouse</u>

Members Present

Senator Tim Huelskamp, Chairperson
Representative Joe McLeland, Vice Chairperson
Senator Henry Helgerson
Senator Larry Salmans
Senator Derek Schmidt
Senator Chris Steineger
Representative Nile Dillmore
Representative John Faber
Representative Jim Morrison
Representative Joe Shriver

Staff

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

Conferees

Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer
Dave Larson, Director, Computer Services, Legislative Administrative Services
Janet Jones, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives
Kelly O'Brien, Judicial Chief Information Technology Officer
Jim Garner, Secretary, Department of Labor
Jeff Lewis, Information Technology Director, Department of Labor

Morning Session

Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO), reviewed the Quarterly Information Technology (IT) Project Report for January to March, 2004 (Attachment 1). She said two projects are currently on hold, 14 are in good standing, and five are infrastructure projects, for a total of 21 projects with an estimated cost of $100 million. She noted that three projects have been completed (Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Health Alert Network, $3.3 million; Kansas Bureau of Investigation's Laboratory Information Management System, $227,665; and the University of Kansas Medical Center's Network Storage Solution Project, $610,634).

Ms. Moore stated that the Geological Information Systems' Statewide Aerial Photo Basemap Project should be completed by the end of June 2004. She said that the estimated completion of the Department of Agriculture's Registration, Enforcement and Compliance System migration from FilePro to Oracle was extended to September 2004 because of staff turnover, but with no additional costs. Likewise, she said the end date for Phase 2 of the State Conservation Commission's Cost Share Program Management Information System was extended to October 2004 when staff identified other needed components for the system, noting that no funding is available yet for Phase 3.

Commenting on the two projects on hold, Ms. Moore said the Board of Healing Arts' IT Enhancement Program requested an extension to August 2004 for issuing an RFP. She said the Social and Rehabilitation Services' (SRS) Enterprise Circle Plan to integrate all IT systems has two sub-projects on hold, but the overall project ending date of April 2005 has not changed. She stated that the Kansas Department of Revenue's CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) replacement was 32 percent complete, and that the Streamlined Sales Tax project to assist merchants in becoming compliant with the new taxing law was complete except for the final data-sharing format, which should be provided in the near future by the multistate tax uniformity compact board.

Members questioned the apparent lack of CITO approval for the sales tax project and a forthcoming Post Audit report on the subject was noted. Ms. Moore said the three CITOs were discussing the development of a new approval process.

Regarding the Fort Hays State University's administrative system project, Ms. Moore said SunGard is continuing as vendor for the Financial Information System and the Administrative System, which are on schedule. However, the SunGard Student Information System was abandoned, the vendor has refunded monies paid, and a new vendor will be selected. A Committee member expressed concern that the project appears troubled.

Regarding the KAN-ED project, Ms. Moore said the end date was extended to August 2004 in order to add more access points and to leverage further e-rate funds. Members questioned whether school districts were provided universal connectivity to KAN-ED. She noted that the University of Kansas' Implementation of Student Information System, costing $13 million, will be completed one year ahead of schedule, going live in January 2005.

Ms. Moore also reported on the Governor's FY 2005 IT budget initiatives reflecting the BEST (Budget Efficiency Savings Teams) recommendations (Attachment 2). She said that some $26.7 million in IT savings have been identified through the program. In relation to desktop PC purchases, she noted that by aggregating all state agencies, K-12, and Regents schools, savings of 40 percent may be realized. Regarding telecommunications, costs were reduced nearly $300,000 per month. Presently, staff are negotiating cellular contracts to pay only for minutes used and examining all IT software contracts for further savings.

Afternoon Session

Don Heiman, Legislative CITO, reviewed the Strategic Plan for Legislative Computerization (Attachment 3). He said the plan is measured against a set of IT objectives and matches the state's IT architecture. He commended the work of the legislative IT staff and noted the three-tier IT governance structure: an IT Steering Committee (the Legislative Coordinating Council), the Systems Review Team (Division Directors) and the Information Systems Team (legislative IT Staff). He said the strategic plan uses a methodology called New Information Economics Model that aligns the strategic intentions of organizational subgroups to the mission of the enterprise by identifying core functions and developing service criteria, noting that building a back-office system will automatically integrate all departmental systems. He announced that a presentation will be made to the LCC in August 2004, giving the IS team time to build a budget for the following fiscal year.

Dave Larson, Director, Legislative Computer Services, reported on the new desktop PCs to be deployed in the fall 2004 and the negotiation for a new three-year contract in October, noting the three levels of desktops (GIS/redistricting, leadership offices, and legislative office staff) and the possibility of leasing laptop computers. Members proposed making the used desktop computers available for purchase.

Regarding the pilot Electronic Committee Project, Mr. Larson said that the Legislature received a $200,000 grant from the Information Network of Kansas, allowing the creation of two electronic committees, complete with tablet PCs for each member, a sound system, a document scanner, a web-cam, and salary for one IT technician, as well as making room 526-S internet accessible, including a wireless access point. Mr. Larson also reviewed an IT security analysis by vendor FishNet, an evaluation which rated the legislative security as average and found no critical deficiencies except through legislators' personal computers.

Janet Jones, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives, noted that for the first time the House controlled the daily *Journal,* and was able to provide conference committee reports and floor amendments in a timely manner. She commended the Office of the Revisor of Statutes for making such information accessible.

Kelly O'Brien, Judicial CITO, provided an update on the FullCourt project, which will install a centralized, integrated statewide information management system in district courts that includes accounting, case management, and jury modules (Attachment 4). He said the system, begun in 2000 and primarily funded by a $5.2 million Byrne grant (75 percent of costs), will be completed in October 2004. He noted that project funds paid for software

licenses for all counties and will pay the annual maintenance for each county in order to keep the system current, commenting that two more modules will be added (Probation and Child in Need of Care) to complete the system.

Jim Garner, Secretary, Kansas Department of Human Resources (to be Department of Labor after July 1, 2004), provided a status report on the Unemployment Insurance Benefit System, which, he said, was on the verge of collapse and in need of replacement (Attachment 5). He stated that a needs assessment/feasibility study was completed in April 2004 and that up to $21 million was authorized by the 2004 Legislature for the project, pending approval by the State Finance Council after review by the JCIT. He said that the new name (formerly Kansas Department of Human Resources) was the harbinger of a new IT vision, moving from a mainframe to an agency-wide client-server platform and providing an integrated IT system to better serve the needs of the agency's clients and to more effectively interface with other agencies and the federal government.

Jeff Lewis, IT Director for the agency, said the needs assessment found the current system antiquated, unwieldy, and not amenable to mandated changes. Of the alternatives offered, he said the department plans to use a vendor system from another state, integrating vendor and in-house staff for training purposes, and authorizing payment only for approved deliverables. Secretary Garner said the new system will save $3.75 million by eliminating overpayments and will increase staff productivity. He listed possible vendors, noting that many states will be moving toward similar systems in the near future and stating the project is scheduled to begin July 2004.

Don Heiman offered to contact Laura Laramore, Chief Information Officer for the state of Indiana who is overseeing a comparable project in that state.

The minutes for the May 27 meeting were approved. (On motion by Representative Morrison; seconded by Senator Helgerson.)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. If approved by the LCC, the next meeting is scheduled for August 5-6.

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