

MINUTES OF THE E-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Deena Horst at 3:41 p.m. on March 21, 2002, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representatives Tafanelli, Williams and Wilson, who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Robert Chapman, Legislative Research Department  
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees:

Diane Gjerstad, Wichita Public Schools  
Bruce Roberts, Director, Division of Information Systems and Communications, and Acting Executive Chief Information Technology Officer

Others attending: See attached sheet.

The Chair opened the hearing for **SB 481**- a pilot project for online procurement. Diane Gjerstad, Legislative Liaison for the Wichita Public Schools, requested that the Committee include the Wichita Public Schools within the scope of the bill. (Attachment 1) She said the Wichita Public Schools, Sedgwick County's 4<sup>th</sup> largest employer, operates at over 100 sites with an annual budget of \$363 million. She noted that the present purchasing statutes have impinged on the district's flexibility in purchasing, and she requested the district be included in **SB 481** in order to utilize online-bidding technology. Answering questions, Ms. Gjerstad said the district plans to offer both electronic and USPS means for bidding. She said the district will not use online bidding for construction projects. John Houlihan, Director of Purchasing, Division of the Budget, replied that present statutory authority for online bidding has been granted only to Kansas Department of Transportation. With no other persons speaking to **SB 481**, the chair closed the hearing.

Bruce Roberts, Acting Executive Chief Information Technology Officer and Director, Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC), outlined the Kansas Strategic Information Management Plan and the Information Technology (IT) Governance Structure. (Attachments 2 and 3) He said the 1998 **SB 5** created a statewide approach to IT, integrating and coordinating the three branches of state government and all state agencies to establish IT policy, control, management and implementation. He listed the support organizations, support groups, and planning processes in place to assure standardized architecture, accountability, and implementation procedures as the state moves toward a virtual government and an electronic economy. As a leader in e-Government, Mr. Roberts noted the national awards Kansas has received in the past year, including being ranked the #1 in IT achievements by the Center for Digital Government and one of only two states (Washington the other) with an IT governance structure. He concluded by stating that the goal is to link any Kansas citizen electronically with his/her city, county, state, and nation.

Answering questions, Mr. Roberts said that ITAB (the Information Technology Advisory Board) was the state's link to the federal government's 24 IT initiatives. He said the state-wide structure is already in place to accomplish all IT planning processes and that the state follows the international standards of ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association).

The minutes for the March 14, 2002, meeting were approved as printed. (Motion, Representative Morrison; second, Representative Gatewood. Members discussed the procedure for changing the February 5, 2002, minutes to reflect corrections desired by Robert Knapp (Information Network of Kansas) and Charles Ranson (Kansas, Inc.). Reconsideration of any changes will be made at a later meeting.

The Technology and the State and Local Sub-Committees reported on **SB 605**, an act requiring certain state agencies to submit electronic rather than printed reports to the legislature and to specified legislative committees. Representative Holmes said the sub-committees reworked the bill to include all state agencies that have a statutory duty to report to the legislature, noting such a requirement will make reports more readily accessible and will save paper and printing costs. He said the sub-committees extended the time the reports would be available from 6 months to 12 months. Representative Holmes moved the

adoption of **Sub for SB 605**. The motion was seconded by Representative Faber. During discussion, members asked if it would be possible for staff revisor Lisa Montgomery to add other committees to the list of required reports given to the legislature, or perhaps to make a generic reference to legislative committees required to receive reports from agencies, acknowledging that the complexity of such additions might make such additions inadvisable. The motion to accept the adoption of **Sub for SB 605** passed.

Representative Holmes, seconded by Representative Goering, made a motion to pass out favorably **Sub for SB 605**. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2002.