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JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

<u>April 29, 2009</u>
<u>Room 535-N—Statehouse</u>

Members Present

Representative Joe McLeland, Chairperson
Senator Tim Huelskamp, Vice-chairperson
Senator Tom Holland
Senator Mike Petersen
Representative Mike Burgess
Representative Nile Dillmore

Staff

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Terri Clark, Data Center Manager, Computer Services, Legislative Administrative
     Services
David Larson, Director, Computer Services, Legislative Administrative Services
Carmen Alldritt, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue
Anthony Schlinsog, Chief, Bureau of Computer Services, Kansas Department of
     Transportation
Keith Meyers, Director of Training Services, Kansas Department of Commerce
Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Steve Montgomery, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Dorothy Stites, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor
George Hubka, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Department of Labor

Others Attending

See attached list.

The Chairperson welcomed Terri Clark, Data Center Manager, Computer Services,
Legislative Administrative Services (LAS), who reviewed the conversion from GroupWise to Microsoft

Exchange (Attachment 1). She said that the migration to Microsoft Outlook meets Chief Information Technology Architect and Information Technology Executive Council standards, as well as being integrated with the Kansas Legislative Information System Strategic Plan (KLISS) architecture; the project cost will be completed 4.34 percent ($12,198) under budget. She provided a migration schedule (estimated to be completed 11 days over schedule) (Attachment 2) and noted the availability of web access training (Attachment 3). Ms. Clark replied to a question that GroupWise servers will be discontinued after June 30, 2009.

David Larson, Director, Computer Services, LAS, commented on the cost of the KLISS Project, saying that the project costs have been reduced by 49 percent through license savings and using staff, rather than consultants, for project work. Commenting on the expiring Dell laptop lease for legislators, Mr. Larson said the old laptops should be turned in by May 30 and the new Dell laptops will be distributed later in June.

Carmen Alldritt, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, reporting on the Photo First Model Office Project, said that the project received Kansas Information Technology Office (KITO) approval January 9, 2009, that a federal grant was provided ($925,000), that final approval for the system was received April 30, 2009, and that the system will be ready for pilot testing by September 2009 (Attachment 5).

Anthony Schlinsog, Chief, Bureau of Computer Services, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), briefed the Committee on two projects: the Comprehensive Program Management System Replacement (sub-project 4), and the interface with the Financial Management System (now called SMART–Statewide Management Accounting and Reporting Tool). He stated that the former is nearing completion and scheduled to go live over Labor Day 2009. Regarding the latter, he commented that two systems will be replaced by SMART: the Voucher Entry System and the Integrated Financial Management System. He noted that several other systems will need interfaces in order to function with SMART, interfaces that will be incrementally implemented with the possibility of later being merged with SMART. The estimated cost is $779,707, with a close-out date of December 2011 (Attachment 6). The Chairperson stated that SMART was intended to supplant agency financial management systems; he expressed concern that KDOT deemed some function conversions optional and requested further information to determine why some application conversions are considered optional. Responding to a question, Mr. Schlinsog said that KDOT rarely interacts with the Kansas Turnpike Authority on projects.

Keith Meyers, Director of Training Services, Kansas Department of Commerce, reviewed the Regional Education and Workforce Access Remote Delivery (REWARD) project, which proposes deploying high-definition videoconferencing units to libraries and community/technical colleges throughout the state (Attachment 7). Explaining that this technology-based method of providing employment and training services will obviate the need for bricks-and-mortar locations and will save staff time, he commented that the project relies entirely on federal funds, but was placed on hold pending JCIT review.

Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), presented two new projects to the Committee (Attachment 8). He said that the Protection Reporting Center will standardize and automate the reporting of suspected adult and child abuse/neglect and will interface with the Family and Child Tracking System (FACTS). After receiving KITO approval, SRS contracted with Harmony Consultants for $738,908 to implement the system by February 11, 2010. He explained that much of the cost for the project has been encumbered, since the project has been accumulating funds since FY 2007. Answering a question, Mr. Jordan replied that the up-front funds for the project are all State General Fund, but federal matching funds will be available after the project is implemented. He replied that the project will replace manual processes and is

critical enough that the agency plans to proceed, especially since most of the funds ($788,908) are currently encumbered and available.

Reporting on HATS (Host Access Transformation Services), Mr. Jordan said the infrastructure project is a temporary patch to keep an antiquated system running until funds are available to continue the $45 million Human Services Management System. Responding to a question, Jeff Lewis, Chief Information Officer, SRS, said HATS is a life-support interface done by SRS staff.

Steve Montgomery, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), informed the JCIT that the planned Central Message Switch (CMS) replacement, a core communication component for KCJIS (Kansas Criminal Justice Information System) hardware, must be delayed and the funds diverted to upgrade the frame-relay system which provides dedicated connectivity to each of the state's 105 counties (Attachment 9). Mr. Montgomery requested that the JCIT recommend retaining the $605,200 for the message switch replacement and recommend a budget enhancement to fund the KCJIS circuit upgrades. Answering questions, Mr. Montgomery said the CMS funds are savings which, if expended elsewhere, cannot be replaced. He replied that the circuit upgrades will cost an additional $200,000 to $400,000. Don Heiman replied to another question that KAN-Ed uses the new circuit technology, which, like the KBI, is purchased from an AT&T contract through the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC). Members expressed surprise at the $416,000 telecommunication costs. The Chairperson requested that Mr. Heiman obtain cost information from DISC.

Dorothy Stites, Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor, updated the Committee regarding the Unemployment Insurance Modernization Project (Attachment 10). She then introduced George Hubka, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Department of Labor, who said that the design phase had been completed and the project was beginning the build phase; however, issues with vendor IBM caused the project to be placed on hold. The IBM contract was canceled and the agency, using the design information, began an incremental approach using agency staff. Answering questions, Mr. Hubka said the major technology was already in place. He replied that the online application for unemployment worked well unless special circumstances needed to be addressed, such as prior military service; if so, then the applicant must use the call center. A member observed that when the contract with IBM was closed, the project should have been recast rather than put on hold. To another question, Mr. Hubka said the federal stimulus package required two changes in the project configuration.

The meeting was adjourned. No further meeting was scheduled.

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