



Information Technology Department

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TO: Members of the Legislative IT Committee
Legislative Council
RE: Large Project Summary Report

Greetings,

Attached to this cover letter is the Large Project Summary Report for the period ending September 30, 2006.

3 projects were reported in the planning stage this quarter.

- Department of Transportation – GIS Image Log
- Secretary of State – Knowledge Base (SOSKB)
- Legislative Assembly – Application Replacement Study

2 projects moved into the execution phase this quarter.

- Workforce Safety and Insurance – IT Transformation Project (ITTP)
- ND Public Employees Retirement System – Legacy Application System Replacement (LASR)

1 project was reported completed or terminated.

Agency	Project	Budget	Schedule
CJIS	State's Attorney Records Management System – STARS	On Budget	Ahead of Schedule

The following 4 project(s) reported budget or schedule variances and/or are being monitored closely.

- DPI – STARS – The project did complete and submit an approved project plan. The new IT manager has reviewed the project and has determined to make some changes to the basis. He is adjusting the vendor relationship (moving from a performer role to more of a mentor role to DPI staff), increasing the level of analysis being performed on the project, and adjusting the order of the tasks to better fit the stakeholder needs. While not all changes have been identified, the ones that have are causing the project to be reported as Yellow. A professional project manager is being brought in to assist with the project and DPI has committed to have an adjusted project plan by the end of the next reporting period.
- ITD – Mainframe Migration –The mainframe migration project experienced schedule variance that was unrecoverable. A determination was made to re-plan the entire effort during the 2nd/3rd quarters. In addition to the re-planning effort, new technology was identified that would provide additional benefit, yet would require additional schedule to be added to the baseline. At the conclusion of the quarter this project had not completed the re-planning process. Mike Ressler reported to the SITAC and Legislative IT Committee that the proposed re-plan would add up to one additional year to the project lifecycle. UPDATE: A new project schedule baseline was approved November 2006. The new project completion date is scheduled for April 2008.
- DOH – WIC – The project did not complete as scheduled. Development, testing and training were completed as scheduled, but the project had some issues with release installation and Iowa (our partner state) required some fixes for some of the known defects. So rather than going forward with 2 releases to production in less than a month, the project team decided to hold off until the 2nd release was available. The QA release occurred in mid October, approximately 4 weeks after the planned production release date. Shortly thereafter, the build moved to production. Post Implementation activities are all that is left to complete.



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- ITD – STAGEnet Infrastructure Services (SIS) - Delays carried over from the 2nd quarter have resulted in a change to both the schedule and budget for this project. Increased costs are primarily reflective of internal staff costs. At the conclusion of the quarter, a major network failure required all traffic to be moved back to the original configuration until such time as the vendor could resolve the issue. UPDATE: The network issues have been resolved and the project continues with a new proposed completion date of January 2007.

Please refer to the report for more information about each project, and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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