

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

February 9, 2012
Room 152-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Representative Mike Burgess, Vice-chairperson
Senator Tom Holland
Senator Garrett Love
Senator Vicki Schmidt
Representative Terry Calloway
Representative Nile Dillmore
Representative Joe McLeland

Staff Present

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bobbi Mariani, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jim Miller, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Anthony Schlinsog, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer
Glen Yancey, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Ben Nelson, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Carey Brown, Director, Kansas Information Technology Office, Office of Information Technology Services

Others Attending

See attached sheet.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and referenced additional information provided by Scott Frank, Legislative Post Audit, in response to members' questions at the January 19, 2012, meeting ([Attachment 1](#)).

The Vice-chairperson announced that Don Heiman, former Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer, had received a national award from the national Geographic Information Systems Consortium.

Anthony Schlinsog, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer, introduced the KEES (Kansas Eligibility and Enforcement Systems) Project, explaining that the presentation will be in a question/answer tag-team format (Attachments 2 and 3). He stated the project is the largest current state project, involving multiple agencies as well as several vendors and auditors. He also explained that KEES is not a health insurance exchange, although an option exists to accommodate an external system.

Glen Yancey, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, following the question/answer format, explained KEES has two cost-reporting structures, one following the Kansas Information Technology Office (KITO) structure (cost \$90.7 million), and the other following the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting configuration (cost \$139 million). He said \$8.56 million had been spent, to date, and he assured the Committee that no funds beyond the budgeted amounts would be requested for the project. He said consultant KMPG recommended vendor Accenture, a recommendation endorsed by the steering committee. Regarding hardware, when or whether the Governor's Executive Reorganization Order regarding Information Technology (IT) consolidation is implemented, there will be no cost to other agencies for hardware.

Ben Nelson, Chief Information Officer, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, referred to a list of IT systems KEES will replace; he noted many of the present systems are obsolete. Regarding Oracle's unlimited user licenses, Mr. Yancey stated the KEES contract is designed to allow licensing flexibility for three years.

Carey Brown, Director, KITO, Office of Information Technology Services, listed the key milestones in developing KEES, which included documenting the decision-making process, providing independent verification and validation (IVV), integrated participation of principals, and dual hosting/backup/recovery systems, one located on each coast (Virginia and California). He stated the service-oriented architecture begins with a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) system and has interfaces with all the major agencies. Accenture owns the basic COTS; the federal government owns certain code, and CMS exercises oversight through the Enterprise Life Cycle process.

Members posed questions, many of them technical. A sampling of replies from the conferees are included below:

- A return-on-investment was included in the design process.
- The CMS Advanced Planning Document allocates new federal funds to the project; therefore, most federal dollars are new funds, not monies transferred from other state resources.
- Vendor Salvaggio and Teal is providing IVV. They are also working on a governance structure for use by other states.
- The project is more complex than KITO can handle on its own.
- Insofar as agencies have experience with a project of this magnitude, various agency expertise has been utilized in developing the project.
- With service-oriented architecture, overruns are unlikely.

- If a service function exceeds the contract requirement, Accenture must complete the function at its own expense.

Mr. Schlinsog concluded by stating that two barriers that doom many interagency projects have been surmounted: institutional indifference and limited funding. All agencies have collaborated on the project, recognizing the need for a better service-oriented process, and federal funds have significantly diminished the need for most state funds.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 7:15 a.m. in Room 152-S of the Statehouse.

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Approved by the Committee on:

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