

**Accepted  
DOIT  
Information and Telecommunications Systems  
Executive Steering Committee  
Minutes  
12/17/08**

**Attendees:**

Steve Casey, Director, DOIT	Jim Shumway, Director IT Division, Comptroller	Leon Rippel, IT Manager, Treasurer
Rick Miarecki, IT Manager, DAS	Michael Riggott, OPM	George Kahkedjian, CIO, CSU
Ken Spelke, CIO, CCC		
<b>Non Members:</b>		
Rick Bailey, Deputy CIO, DOIT	Trish Johnson, Director, PMO, DOIT	John Vittner, Director Of Architecture, DOIT
Joe Dominello, CAO, DOIT		
<b>Absent:</b>		
Diane Wallace, CIO	Michael Kerntke, CIO, UConn	George Claffey, Jr., CIO, Charter Oak College

Discussion and Acceptance of July 10, 2008 proposed minutes: The proposed minutes were reviewed, corrected and approved.

FY 2009 DOIT Department Plan: Steve Casey outlined the important points of the plan which include 1) investing in IT personnel and addressing organizational issues to create a high performance organization, 2) continuation of strengthening and improving Disaster Backup and Recovery strategies, 3) enhancing and enforcing a technology blueprint and standards, 4) using technology to improve program effectiveness making services more accessible to state residents and businesses and 5) implementing “Best Practices.”

Budget Reduction Implications: Joe Dominello summarized the impact of recent budget changes made by the Governor and Legislature. DOIT was appropriated \$28.1M in General Funds and the Governor reduced that by 5% to \$27.6M. The legislature cut DOIT further in the November Session to \$26.08. Total cuts for FY09 are over \$2M or 7.24%.

Strategic Objectives to be included in the next IT strategy for CT: Tricia Johnson gave a brief overview of the current 2006-2009 Strategic Objects and identified the importance of how technology strategic objects need to align in providing support for the state’s strategic business objectives. The board was asked if their ideas for input to the 2009-2012 plan. With no discussion, board members were offered the opportunity to send

ideas to [tricia.johnson@ct.gov](mailto:tricia.johnson@ct.gov). Kenneth Spelke was interested in process of developing the strategic plan and would like to be involved as the plan is developed.

DOIT Architecture Objective Update: Rick Bailey and John Vittner reported on the concerns and progress made by DOIT. The Technology Domain Teams have resumed activity to update technology standards. The teams include groups focused on Application Development, Collaboration – Directory Services, Data Management and Data Warehouse, Enterprise Systems Management, Middleware, Network, Platform, Security, and Web E-government. They also noted that DMV is leading the State of Connecticut by moving to Server Orientated Architecture (SOA). DOIT has reduced the hardware in their application hosting environment by 40 to 50%.

Steve Casey briefed the committee on the “Information Technology and Telecommunications Expenditure Report” submitted in accordance with C.G.S. 4d-11 on August 1, 2008. He pointed out that overall state IT spending in FY 08 has increased just 1.86% from FY 2005 levels. DOIT has focused on reducing consultant costs successfully reducing those 30% from FY 2005 levels. In FY 2005 consultants received \$38.1 million and \$26.3 million in FY 2008, a reduction of \$11.8 million. The question arose concerning the source of the information of the IT and Telecommunication expenditures by agency. [It was determined later that the data came from CoreCT reports.] The committee voted to approve the report.

George Kahkedjian asked that the discussion of DOIT contracts and licenses available to “All Using State Agencies & Political Subdivisions” be added to the agenda. He stated that it would be beneficial to get a sense of what contracts/licenses are available that we can take advantage of across the state. Processing RFP’s consume time and resources. The Purchasing Department at the CSU System Office does an excellent job at tracking DOIT contracts and licenses, which saves them time and energy. If the information is disseminated more broadly, then it would be beneficial to others as well.

The committee agreed to meet again on the third Wednesday of June, the 17th, at 1:30 at DOIT.