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Information and Telecommunications Systems

Executive Steering Committee

Minutes

June 30, 2010

Attendees:

Daniel Sears, IT Manager, DAS	Leon Rippel, IT Manager, Treasurer	Debora Romano-Connors on behalf of George Kahkedjian, CIO, CSU
Ken Spelke, CIO, CCC	Steve Casey, Director, DOIT, Chair	
Absent:		
George Claffey, Jr., CIO, Charter Oak College	Jim Shumway, Director IT Division, Comptroller	Michael Riggott, OPM
David Gilbertson, CIO, UConn		
Non Members:		
Diane Wallace, CIO	John Vittner, Director Of Architecture, DOIT	Jeanne Lee, Application Development, DOIT
Melissa Connery, Architecture, DOIT	Angela L. Taetz, , Portal, DOIT	Gary Clauss, Operations, DOIT
Dean Myshrall, Architecture, DOIT	Jack Cassella, Network, DOIT	

1. The Committee discussed and accepted the proposed minutes of February 24, 2010.

2. John Vittner presented an overview of the Connecticut Enterprise Architecture – Technical Architecture (CTEA-TA), the Enterprise Architecture Technology Standards. The CTEA-TA defined the principles, best practices, and standards as they apply to the hardware, operating systems, programming, middleware, data management, systems management, collaborative tools, security, and networking solutions used by the organization. The program involved 60 DOIT employees and 70 employees from other Executive Branch agencies and Judicial from 24 different agencies.

   The semi-annual CTEA-TA standards process involves the nine Technology Architecture domain teams, who research and evaluate technology products, while considering total cost of ownership (TCO), limitation of options and skill set requirements, to establish a consistent set of technical and product standards for use by all state agencies in the enterprise. The process also involved input from technology support groups who provide detailed specifications for specific domain categories. Approval of the standards involved a review of each domain team's work product by the Enterprise Architecture Group, the CIO, and now statutorily, the Information and Telecommunications Executive Steering Committee is charged to review and decide. This will be followed by the publishing of the documentation.

   Leon Rippel stated that banks require specific software for the Treasurers to use. He asked if DOIT will be part of the process for exceptions. CIO Diane Wallace answered that this board would approve any exceptions. The federal government has requirements that sometimes will need options. The process would start with the DOIT Architecture Division and Steve Casey could call an emergency meeting if necessary.

   John stated that he plans to lead a review every six months to keep the principles, best practices, and standards fresh. By December the teams would have updates for five new categories, data warehouse, portal, enterprise helpdesk, and application delivery controller. Gartner Group was engaged to assist the domain teams.

   CIO Wallace stated that there were 76 agencies and 12 commissions contacted. The results were very positive.   Estimated savings is projected at $30-70 million from volume discounts and training advantages.

   Ken Spelke complimented the effort of the domain teams. He moved the acceptance of the nine Technology Architecture principles, best practices, and standards. Dan Sears seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. The next meeting will be scheduled for December 2010.