IT INVESTMENT CAPITAL FUND
PROJECT STATUS REPORT

To: Information Technology Strategy and Investment Committee
John Vittner, Office of Policy & Management

FROM: Catherine Smith, Commissioner

AGENCY/PROJECT NAME: DECD – IT Major Appl. Planning & Integration Support (requirement phase)

PROJECT MANAGER: James Watson

REPORTING PERIOD: Project Inception through 6/30/2015

Total Funds Requested: $ 150,000

Bond Commission Approval(s):   **Date:** November 2014   **Amount:** $150,000

Accumulative Total Capital Fund Expenditures to Date: $150,000

Brief Project Description/Summary:

This funding allowed the department to acquire the services of BlumShapiro in developing a comprehensive IT revitalization strategy. The plan ensures that the department is making informed decisions on how to proceed with a myriad of IT application projects that will improve the way it interacts with and services its diverse customer base. In addition, it helps direct the agency's IT efforts in a coordinated, strategic and time-efficient way.

Summary of Progress Achieved to Date:

BlumShapiro completed its four-part "Lean-driven IT Revitalization Planning Project" in 2014. The final report includes a detailed plan and outline for improving DECD's IT infrastructure, as well as planning and oversight recommendations for implementation.

As called for in the "Business Goals" section of DECD's application for funding, the plan creates the necessary road map for future IT investments and upgrades. Once implemented, these improvements will dramatically improve productivity and increase the department's ability to effectively serve its customers. This will ultimately strengthen the state's economic competitiveness.

Issues and Risks:

None, as the report is complete.

Next Steps & Project Milestones:

None for this funding. The department is moving forward with implementation of the plan using funds approved in a separate request.