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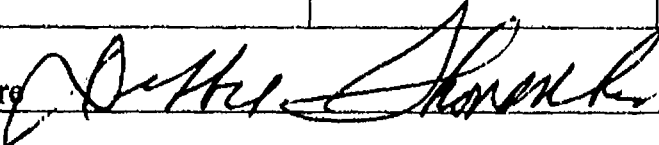
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Statewide Information Technology-IT Department

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 8, 2001

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5	Info Tech Dept		15.1-54.0
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Minutes:

Curtis L. Wolfe, CIO, presented an overview for the Information Technology Department for statewide and agency information technology plans. Planning presentation handouts (attached). He stated that they have 12 goals (slide presentation) and the importance for cost support for high quality service and use, and for the value and economics. The goals are as follows: Goal 1, Build E-Government: State Portal and completed applications, applications are in progress, Phase I is in experiment, Phase II, integrate, and Phase III reinvent; Goal 2, Promote "Anytime-Anywhere" education: growth online training is currently at 8%, by 2002 should be 40% online; need to expand technology in the classroom-distance learning mainly in rural areas for foreign languages, math, sciences. Exploring vendor programs for free education. Administrative systems-web access, virtual university. Distance learning and technical workforce development with video services; Referenced that SB 2043 last session passed with no money which is needed now. Education Technology Council Chapter 54-59, K-12 technology

the powers and duties, video conferencing and LAN equipment. Need Workforce development and distance education. Goal 3, Encourage enterprise solutions, encourage enterprise-wide solutions. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP). Replace systems-Geographic Info System (GIS), Electronic Doc Mgt System (EDMS), and Criminal Justice Integration; Goal 4, Reinvent Government Business process, business process; Goal 5, Strengthen State IT Professionals; Goal 6, Advance Project Management; Goal 7, Coordinate Technology Research & Planning; Goal 8, Fund Innovations; Goal 9, Integrate State Broad band Network; Goal 10, Modify Public Policy; Goal 11, Develop workforce; and Goal 12, Enhance State Radio Network.

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Senator Bowman: When your plans are done, will they be outdated as you go along?

Curt Wolfe: Network roll out; one time cost routers; contracts for 3 year length; software initiative is 20 year program to be keep up to date.

Senator Andrist: With computer technology struggle, payout with technology will there be dollar and cents payback?

Curt Wolfe: On the economic workforce side or we wouldn't waste the time. Funds needed for the distance learning and workforce broad band access or we will not be accessible. Our work and economics need technology.

Senator Robinson: I know the package is important but it is also overwhelming, the meaning of figures and initiatives, as a whole and struggling with the issues.

Curtis Wolfe: The state did not fund in the past but now there is a need to be funded. The subcommittees will be kept informed. The legislatures need to hear from more sources.

Senator Heitkamp: With the mapping of towns, a lot of schools will be closing. The high speed service to all towns will be the key to keeping these schools open, is this true?

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Curtis Wolfe: Right now we have narrowed it down to 194 cities and it depends on the stats of these towns. Main purpose is for public sector and there are concerns from the private sector on expenses for capacity. Any community needs to be creative on goals and fair prices.

Senator Schobinger: How about wireless referring to an advertisement on TV for Dell Systems?

Curtis Wolfe: Depending on the distance for schools; right now short distant technology is not there but long distant.

Senator Robinson: How many elementary are not able distance wise to high school for wireless solutions?

Curt Wolfe: An analysis to have to be done.

Senator Solberg: This is an important issue this session, more questions to come to know knowledge of the system. Possible caucuses with both houses to hear and understand Curt's overview to explain this process. There is a backlog and it is costing the state now.

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Nancy Waltz, Associate Director, IT Department, presented information (handouts attached). She introduced Phil Miller and Dennis Klipfel, agents with the IT Dept. She stated different agents from the IT Dept. are assigned to state agencies.

Senator Robinson: What type of comparison do we have to other states; what is the norm and how do we compare?

Nancy Waltz: We have tried to compare-our numbers are high, no good comparison.

Senator Tallackson: Is the whole budget included here?

Nancy Waltz: Everything is included for these funding sources. Tape 5, Side B, meter 31.0

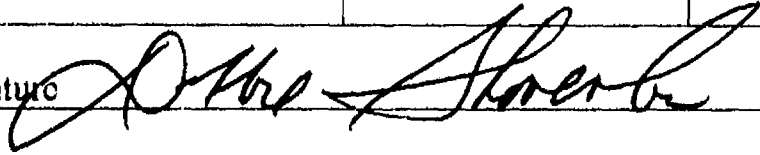
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Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing for the Information Technology Department.

Curt Wolfe, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department, opened testimony to identify the program, strategies and responsibilities. This is a new finding approach in the budget with pass through dollars, to special fund from general fund with state agencies.

Schafer's budget \$107,021,119 and Hoeven's budget at \$96,903,519. Gave an overview of the budget and contents.

Senator Grindberg: Explain \$20 million your asking back.

Curt Wolfe: The \$20 million asking back is to replace administrative systems, K-12; old system needs to be web based; approximately \$35 to \$40 million when completed. Requested RFP from vendor, had six respondents; now in the evaluation process and down to three finalists, there will be a detailed evaluation to select vendor. The \$20 million was in Schafer budget; all funding

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can't be funded over one biennium; over 5 to 6 years to be implemented will need more money re applications to older system to interface but in reality it is a structured fashion.

Senator Solberg: Are the computer systems pulling together? Are there any systems to combine?

Curt Wolfe: The initiative is that all be related with new network, all the schools; support would be an ongoing basis; all play role in the administration of the networks as they are deployed.

Ivan group-higher education and all capitalize with investments made.

Senator Solberg: HIPA; How far advanced is the dialog with requirements to the private sector?

Curt Wolfe: We are looking at an alternative with HIPA with less money without rewriting Medicaid System.

Senator Tomac: Why the difference in FTE positions? Because of certain programs and agencies? Are they not in the agencies budgets?

Curt Wolf: These are special funded positions; agency budget with general funds and IT Department budgets are special funds-depends on specific agency.

Senator Tomac: GIS-why?

Curt Wolfe: Study was done on the state.

Senator Tomac: Are K-12 schools concerned with wide area network? Are schools along 1-94 included with costs due to new system? My concern is penalizing schools that are ahead than other schools and now will cost these school districts again.

Curt Wolfe: No. For example with K-12, we are trying to be creative like not telling schools in the Great Western Network to replace certain systems. All schools will be connected and we are telling them what is needed for their own gain. We are not asking them to replace Internet Service but to update access speeds.

Mike Ressler, Director of Operations at ITD, (testimony attached), stating ITD is responsible for providing technology solutions to state government agencies and this includes county government for network connections and soon to include K-12 and libraries across the state. We are responsible for creating information technology policies, standards and guidelines by coordinating agency input and researching existing technology solutions with a section staff of four. The administration section has 14 people and responsible for administrative support, human resources, payroll, billing and other accounting functions. The Software Development group develops and maintains computer software applications with a staff of 86 people and contracts for another 22 programmers. ITD is requesting an increase of 33 new FTE's. 30 from special funded and contingent upon other state agencies receiving funding for their development projects. Computer Services staffed by 36 people to provide computer operations, printing facilities, database support, and technical service support for all the hardware and software utilized. The Telecommunications staff of 27 is responsible state wide area network, all telephone systems (40 plus) throughout the state along with a central help desk. New initiatives for the next biennium include the following projects: Payment for Phase 1 of the wide area network. Phase 2 deployment involves connection all the high schools and libraries across the state, general funds \$7,922,549 less \$3,700,000 from Universal Service Fund as part of the E-Rate program, netting the cost to \$4,222,549. ITD operates on a fee for service basis with state agencies. Another initiative to save state government substantial dollars is a shared electronic data management system (EDMS). Last year ITD launched DiscoverND which is the state of North Dakota's web portal. ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning System) 3 FTE's; Additional Security analysts 2 FTE's; 1 FTE Administration; 1 FTE Info Tech Business Analyst;

