Technical Panel
of the
Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m.
Varner Hall - Board Room
3835 Holdrege St., Lincoln, Nebraska
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Walter Weir, CIO, University of Nebraska, Chair
Brenda Decker, CIO, State of Nebraska
Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools
Michael Winkle, NET

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Christy Horn, University of Nebraska

ROLL CALL, MEETING NOTICE & OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Mr. Weir called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. There were four members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on November 21, 2011. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on December 7, 2011. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the South wall of the meeting room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2011 MINUTES

Mr. Winkle moved approval of the November 8, 2011 minutes as presented. Ms. Decker seconded. Roll call vote: Decker-Yes, Langer-Yes, Weir-Yes, and Winkle-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

OTHER PROJECTS - NEBRASKA STATE PATROL - MESSAGE SWITCH REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Suzy Fredrickson, Information Technology; Tom Prevo, Security Officer; and Keta Wright, Project Manager

The project is being funded through CLEIN (Combined Law Enforcement Information Network) funds through the Office of the CIO. Agencies (federal, state and local) pay a monthly fee to the fund which can be used for information network projects. The primary function of the message switch is to administer and control the flow of data messages between various CJIS systems. Primary functions include message routing, distribution, and the exchange of binary objects (images, fingerprints, and other non-text objects) among local, state, and national criminal justice users and databases. The message switch replacement project kick off began August, 2011 and is expected to conclude April, 2012. Datamaxx won the bid for the project. Five of the ten milestones have been completed so far. Project milestones completed to this point include:
- Establishing a project schedule
- Development of design specifications
- Receipt of software licensing
- Serve installs
- Implementation of interfaces in testing and production environments

The only project risk at this point is not meeting project timelines. Technical Panel members had an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Philson will be in touch with Ms. Fredrickson regarding future project reports to the Technical Panel

ENTERPRISE PROJECTS

PROJECT STATUS DASHBOARD - Skip Philson

The Link-Human Capital Management Project is going live in February for Benefits, Performance Review and Human Capital Management. This will cause a delay for the Procurement phase. Other projects are on schedule. The ECM (Enterprise Content Management) Project will give their final report at the February meeting.

Mr. Weir reported that the NeSIS project is still dealing with Oracle and ADA compliance. Jim Zempke is the Project Manager. The University if very concerned about ADA compliance. Ms. Horn's office will be involved determining the deficiencies as well as working on solutions.

Discussion occurred about the need to review and further define the NITC's Accessibility Standard. The standard must be clear regarding expectations and ADA Compliance. In addition, strategies should be developed for mobile technologies. State agencies and the legislature are dealing with the issue of captioning on the web. Captioning would also need appropriate standards and will have technical implications and impact on the state systems. The Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired have also visited with the Office of the CIO about website accessibility as well. Mr. Weir will speak to Ms. Horn about the work group's plan to update the accessibility standard. This will be an agenda item for the February meeting.

ELECTION - TECHNICAL PANEL CHAIR FOR 2012*

Ms. Decker moved to nominate Walter Weir to serve as the Chair for 2012. Mr. Winkle seconded. Roll call vote: Langer-Yes, Weir-Abstain, Winkle-Yes, and Decker-Yes. Results: Yes-3, No-0, Abstained-1. Motion carried.

REGULAR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND WORK GROUP UPDATES (as needed)

Accessibility of Information Technology Work Group - Christy Horn. Ms. Horn was not present to report

Learning Management System Standards Work Group - Kirk Langer. Mr. Langer provided an update to the Panel. Members discussed the Virtual High School and the use of various systems such as Blackboard and Sakai.

Security Architecture Work Group - Brad Weakly. After meeting with the Department of Agriculture, it was determined that their system is a stand-alone system. Users do not use any personal identification to log-on. The agency does weekly scans using Qualys. The front end of the system is located at the OCIO. The back end is at the Department of Agriculture but they are considering moving it to the OCIO. The agency's waiver request was reasonable and appropriate. Mr. Weir asked that a written report of his finding be on file.

For discussion at the next Technical Panel meeting, Mr. Weakly presented revisions to Attachments A and B to NITC 5-204. Some wording has been changed so that both documents read the same. The signature block will include a place to print the name as well for easier identification.

The work group has drafted a policy for external hosting and is now working on gathering background information. FedRAMP released the federal government policy for cloud computing. The work group has also been discussing mobile device management.

Intergovernmental Data Communications Work Group - Tim Cao, Mr. Cao was not present to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Decker announced that the Network Nebraska RFP bids were opened on Friday, December 9 and are currently being reviewed. The intent to award is scheduled for December 28. This is the largest bid that Network Nebraska has released.

Ms. Decker introduced Nathan Watermeier, new GIS Administrative Manager. He will be replacing Larry Zink who is retiring at the end of December.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mr. Weir adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.