



Technical Panel Meeting Agenda

Technical Panel

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 9:00AM

Varner Hall - Board Room

3835 Holdrege Street

Lincoln, NE

Meeting Documents

9:00 AM	1. Roll Call, Meeting Notice & Open Meetings Act Information	Chair
9:05 AM	2. Public Comment	Chair
9:10 AM	3. Approval of Minutes* - February 11, 2014	Chair
9:15 AM	4. Enterprise Projects	
	A. Project Update	
	1. NDE - Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) - Valorie Foy, John Moon, and/or Brent Gaswick	
	B. Voluntary Review - Project Closure*	
	1. Nebraska State Patrol - AFIS Upgrade	
	C. Project Status Dashboard - A. Weekly	
9:55 AM	5. InCommon Pilot Project Update	Mike Danahy and Scott Isaacson
10:15 AM	6. Standards and Guidelines	C. Hobbs
	A. Waivers - Revoke waivers which are no longer needed due to changes to NITC 8-301: Password Standard.*	
10:20 AM	7. Technical Panel Membership - Recommendation to the NITC*	Chair
	A. Donald Mihulka - University of Nebraska Computing Services Network - Alternate Member	
10:25 AM	8. Work Group Updates and Other Business	Chair
10:30 AM	9. Adjourn (Next Meeting - April 8, 2014)	Chair

* Denotes action items

The Technical Panel will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.

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TECHNICAL PANEL

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Varner Hall - Board Room
3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Weir, CIO, University of Nebraska, Chair
Christy Horn, University of Nebraska
Brenda Decker, CIO, State of Nebraska
Michael Winkle, NET

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools

ROLL CALL, MEETING NOTICE & OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Mr. Weir called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 December 19, 2013. The meeting agenda was posted to the NITC website on February 7, 2014. The [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#) was posted on the south wall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2013 MINUTES

Ms. Decker moved to approve the [November 12, 2013](#) minutes as presented. Ms. Horn seconded. Roll call vote: Decker-Yes, Horn-Yes, Weir-Yes, and Winkle-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

ENTERPRISE PROJECTS

Project Update - Administrative Services - LINK Procurement

Bo Botelho, Administrator, Administrative Services - Materiel

The LINK Procurement project status is currently being reviewed by the new Administrative Services Interim Director, Gerry Oligmueller. Further development of Workday, as well as its business processes, continues. Administrative Services is developing an agency IT plan which will address future activities in these areas. Other factors affecting the decision on the LINK Procurement module include integration issues, testing, and overall costs.

Once the project plan and timeline have been finalized, the Technical Panel would like the project to provide an update.

NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) (formerly Statewide Online Assessment)

Matt Blomstedt, Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Education with John Moon and Brent Gaswick, Nebraska Department of Education

Mr. Blomstedt was congratulated on his position as the new Commissioner for the Department of Education. Mr. Moon reviewed his written report. The project experienced some connectivity issues but it affected only 1% of the tests. On January 23, there was a 40-minute outage. The vendor is providing a detailed report but it will not be available for a couple of more weeks. Discussion occurred regarding the newspaper article in the Lincoln Journal Star.

The vendor, Data Recognition Corporation (DRC), is taking these issues seriously. The company President has been involved and has sent a testing team. Mr. Blomstedt would like to have DRC work with ESU network operation group.

Ms. Horn expressed concern about unresolved accessibility issues with the system. There should be discussions with the vendor as to what it would take to have the system accommodate these students.

The project will provide the vendor's outage report at the March meeting.

Project Status Dashboard

Andy Weekly, OCIO Project Manager

Mr. Weekly distributed two new forms for the panel members for the review – Lessons Learned Documentation and the Project Lessons Learned Form. Members were asked to send him any recommended changes and/or additions.

At the NITC meeting, the Commissioners requested to include a brief project description on the dashboard report. Mr. Weekly has included this information in the current report.

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Approval of Revised Attachments* - NITC 5-204: Linking a Personal Portable Computing Device to the State Email System - Attachments A and B (Revised)

Purpose: This standard provides for the requirements to connect a personal Portable Computing Device ("PCD") to the State's email system. This standard does not apply to PCDs provided by the agency.

The underlying purpose of the standard has not changed. The forms have been updated to include the following:

- The data classifications definitions
- Associated form to be completed per the data classification requested
- Information is being requested as to what type of personal device is being used.
- Agency Director and SISO signatures required.

There are approximately 160 requests that have been approved.

Mr. Winkle moved to approve NITC 5-204 Attachments A and B as presented. Ms. Horn seconded. Roll call vote: Winkle-Yes, Weir-Yes, Horn-Yes, and Decker-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Discussion occurred regarding Microsoft ending support for Windows XP. Mr. Weir asked if the NITC or the Technical Panel should make a recommendation or policy about Windows XP. Ms. Decker recommended that it should be a general policy relating to all operating systems. This could be a budgetary issue for many agencies. The University of Nebraska's Security Work Group meeting next week will be discussing this issue. Mr. Hobbs was invited to attend the meeting.

WORK GROUP UPDATES

There were no updates.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Decker informed the Technical Panel that there are NITC Commissioners whose terms will expire in April: Dr. Doug Kristensen (Postsecondary Education), Lance Hedquist (Communities), Mike Huggenberger (General Public), Dr. Dan Hoelsing (Elementary and Second Education), Dan Shundoff (General Public) and Pat Flanagan (General Public). The following have been appointed as new NITC Commissioners:

- Walter Weir (representing Postsecondary Education)

- Dorest Harvey (representing the General Public)
- Garry Warren (representing the General Public)
- Randy Meininger (representing Communities)
- Dan Shundoff (reappointed representing the General Public)

The Elementary and Secondary Education position has yet to be appointed.

Members discussed the following legislative bills: LB919 (open data); LB692 (updates to NET statutes); and LB429 (web posting of state government contracts, enacted in 2013). With respect to LB429, Ms. Decker indicated that scanned images of contracts create accessibility issues for the website. It would be helpful if the Accessibility Workgroup could provide guidance to state government agencies on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Horn moved to adjourn. Ms. Decker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the NITC Technical Panel will be held at March 11, 2014, 9 a.m., Varner Hall Board Room, 3835 Holdrege Street, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Rick Becker of the Office of the CIO/NITC.

Project Lessons Learned Form

General Information					
Project Name				Date	
AFIS Upgrade				March 3, 2014	
Sponsoring Agency					
Nebraska State Patrol					
Contact		Phone	Email	Employer	
Tony Loth		402-479-4007	Anthony.Loth@nebraska.gov	Nebraska State Patrol	
Project Manager		Phone	Email	Employer	
Tony Loth		402-479-4007	Anthony.Loth@nebraska.gov	Nebraska State Patrol	
Project Start Date	06/12/2013	Estimated End Date	02/13/2014	Project End Date	02/25/2014
Key Questions				Explanation	
1. Did the scope of the project change?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Did the project meet the expectations of the stakeholders?				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3. Did the project costs exceed the budget provided?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Cost Management			
Show the actual expenditures compared to planned levels. Break the costs into other categories as appropriate.			
Fiscal Year [2013]			
Budget Item	Budget at Completion (BAC)	Actual Costs (AC)	Cost Variance (CV = BAC – AC)
Salaries			
Contract Services	750,000	750,000	0
Hardware			
Software			
Training			
Other Expenditures*			
Total Costs	750,000	750,000	0
Other Expenditures include supplies, materials, etc.			

Significant Project Milestones					
Insert additional lines as necessary.					
Milestone	Met	Not Met	Original Date	Actual Date	Impact (if late)
Signed Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		6/12/2013	
Delivery of Requirements Definition Document (RDD) from MorphoTrak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/8/2013	7/17/2013	
Approval of Requirements Definition Document	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/6/2013	8/21/2013	No impact
Site Preparation Survey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		8/16/2013	8/30/2013	No impact
Procurement of Hardware	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		9/5/2013	8/23/2013	
Installation/Transition Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		9/20/2013	10/30/2013	No impact
Approval of Acceptance Test Procedure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		9/20/2013	9/30/2013	No impact
Data Migration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		11/13/2013	11/18/2013	No impact
Training Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		11/15/2013	11/15/2013	
Hardware Delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12/2/2013	11/4/2013	
Onsite Installation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12/10/2013	11/5/2013	
Go Live/Site Acceptance Test	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12/13/2013	12/13/2013	
Final Acceptance (60-day review)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		2/13/2014	2/25/2014	

What went wrong during the project and recommendations to avoid similar occurrences in the future
 Provide a summary of what went wrong during the project, including the problem or issue, the impact and the recommendation to avoid those occurrences in the future.

Overall this project was very smooth. There were a handful of milestone dates for deliverables that were not met but none of these had an adverse impact on the progress of the project. Final completion was about two weeks late due to some last minute bugs that needed to be resolved.

What went right during the project and how similar projects may benefit from this information
 Provide a summary of what went right during the project, including the success or accomplishment, the impact and how future projects may benefit from this information.

In my opinion, communication was the key factor for the success of this project. There was a clearly defined implementation plan established at the very beginning and everyone was on board with that plan and everyone knew the expectations of all parties. When there was going to be a delay on the part of one party or the other, this was communicated to the other party so that adjustments to the plan could be made and expectations could be modified. We held bi-weekly meetings to discuss the status of the project, identify potential hang-ups and adjust our plan as needed. As implementation grew near, these meetings were increased to weekly.

NITC Reporting/Process Improvements and Recommendations

Use this section to insert NITC Enterprise Reporting improvements and recommendations.

The form was easy to complete and really helped me to keep the documentation of the project in order. The only suggestion I would have would be to provide an online form to simplify the completion and submission of the form. Ideally we would be able to call up our last monthly report and make changes to it rather than complete it from scratch each month.

Additional Comments

Use this section to insert comments / concerns not included in any other section.

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Enterprise Project Status Dashboard – as of March, 2014

Project: LINK – Procurement		Contact: Bo Botelho				
Start Date	01/14/2013	Orig. Completion Date	10/31/2013	Revised Completion Date	01/06/2014 Pending	
	March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status						
Schedule						
Budget						
Scope						
Project Description						
<p>Workday Procurement standardizes business processes for procurement documents. Workday Procurement will be the data entry location for all procurement documents (requisitions, purchase orders and contracts). Approvals and printing of the documents will be processed in Workday. Selected supplier websites will be available for access to state contracted pricing through punch-out capability. Purchase Orders will be interfaced in to the State’s financial system for encumbering, receipts, and accounts payable. Suppliers will be available for selection in Workday and their associated commodities and procurement contact information will be maintained within Workday.</p> <p>Project Estimate: \$1,895,800 (\$1,160,262.52 has been expended)</p>						
Comments						
<p>March update: Revisions to implement software simultaneously to all agencies instead of Administrative Services and DHHS are pending review by Director’s Office. Original scope indicated roll-out to all remaining agencies after initial implementation, recommendation from project team during recent phases of implementation support roll-out to all agencies at one-time. New target dates are pending due to potential scope changes. The change order and Project Scope are under review by the Director’s Office due to change in Administrative Services and Materiel Division leadership.</p> <p>Currently in the new P.1 Tenant validating Business Process design and functionality.</p> <p>February update: Same update as March.</p> <p>Additional Comments/Concerns: None</p>						

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Enterprise Project Status Dashboard – as of March, 2014

Project: Network Nebraska Education						Contact: Tom Rolfes
Start Date	05/01/2006	Orig. Completion Date	06/30/2012	Revised Completion Date	07/01/2013 08/01/2014	
	March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status						
Schedule						
Budget						
Scope						
Project Description						
<p>Network Nebraska-Education is a statewide consortium of over 260 K-12 and higher education entities working together to provide a statewide backbone, commodity Internet, distance education, and other value-added services to its participants. Network Nebraska-Education is managed by the State Office of the CIO partnering with the University of Nebraska Computing Services Network (UNCSN).</p> <p>Project Estimate: \$675,998 (\$431,911 has been expended)</p>						
Comments						
<p>March update: The project completion date has been extended to August 1, 2014, at which time fourteen (14) new entities are expected to join Network Nebraska-Education.</p> <p>Looking ahead to 7/1/2014, at least 14 new non-member entities in Southeast Nebraska have confirmed interest in Network Nebraska-Education participation. This would require the Network Nebraska-Education backbone to be extended through an aggregation circuit to ESU 6 (Milford) and a second aggregation circuit to ESU 5 (Beatrice) to maintain parity. Backbone bandwidth capacity will be purchased at 2Gbps on all segments as per the current contract with NebraskaLink, but burstable to 5Gbps through the life of the backbone contract, 6/30/2016. UNCSN network engineers have gone live with the Internet2 Commercial Peering Service and are monitoring bandwidth demands. Work is continuing on the roll out of the Intrusion Prevention Services, and a dark fiber project to Grand Island/Kearney. The Network Nebraska Advisory Group (NNAG) and the Collaborative Aggregation Partnership (CAP) will be considering Affiliate Member criteria and fees at their upcoming meetings. The December RFP 4582 had to utilize a Best and Final Offer cycle to broaden the bidding on certain circuits. BAFO Bids opened on Friday, January 31. UNL/UNCSN bid commodity Internet during Summer 2013 and the new lower unit rates assisted the State in lowering its Internet costs.</p> <p>February update: Looking ahead to 7/1/2014, at least 14 new non-member entities in Southeast Nebraska have confirmed interest in Network Nebraska-Education participation. This would require the Network Nebraska-Education backbone to be extended through an aggregation circuit to ESU 6 (Milford) and possibly a second one to ESU 5 (Beatrice). Backbone bandwidth capacity will be maxed out due to the limitations on the current contract with NebraskaLink. UNCSN network engineers have gone live with the Internet2 Commercial Peering Service and are monitoring bandwidth demands. Work is continuing on the roll out of the Intrusion Prevention Services, and a dark fiber project to Grand Island/Kearney. The Network Nebraska Advisory Group (NNAG) and the Collaborative Aggregation Partnership (CAP) will be considering Affiliate Member criteria and fees at their upcoming meetings. The December RFP 4582 had to utilize a Best and Final Offer cycle to broaden the bidding on certain circuits. BAFO Bids will open on Friday, January 31. UNL/UNCSN bid commodity Internet during Summer 2013 and the new lower unit rates assisted the State in lowering its Internet costs.</p> <p>Additional Comments/Concerns: The Network Nebraska-Education Participation Fee fund account received UNCSN's 2nd quarter project invoice on 2/4/2014 for expenses through 12/31/2013. Only Equipment Maintenance is running over budget.</p>						

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Enterprise Project Status Dashboard – as of March, 2014

Project:	Nebraska Statewide Radio System (formerly Public Safety Wireless)	Contact:	Mike Jeffres			
Start Date	06/01/2009	Orig. Completion Date	09/30/2013	Revised Completion Date		
	March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status						
Schedule						
Budget						
Scope						
Project Description						
<p>The Nebraska Statewide Radio System project is to establish a modern public safety communications system for state agencies. To improve coverage over 95% of the state, superior voice quality, and improved reliability, and to consolidate the state onto a common P25 digital radio standard.</p> <p>Project Estimate: \$11,038,000 (\$10,158,000 has been expended)</p>						
Comments						
<p>March update: System acceptance and project closeout in process. Motorola is still working to resolve the patrol logging recording issues and the database fixes.</p> <p>February update: System acceptance and project closeout in process. Patrol logging recorder experienced issues, and there were minor database sync issues during system version upgrade. Motorola is working to resolve these issues. We also have three new tower sites going in and agreed to implement them prior to system acceptance and continue using current Motorola technical resources to ensure a smooth transition turning up the new sites.</p> <p>Additional Comments/Concerns: System acceptance and project closeout in process.</p>						

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Enterprise Project Status Dashboard – as of March, 2014

Project: Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) – Year 2013-14 **Contact: John Moon**
(formerly Statewide Online Assessment)

Start Date	07/01/2010	Orig. Completion Date	06/30/2011	Revised Completion Date	06/30/2014	
	March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status						
Schedule						
Budget						
Scope						

Project Description

Legislative Bill 1157 passed by the 2008 Nebraska Legislature required a single statewide assessment of the Nebraska academic content standards for reading, mathematics, science, and writing in Nebraska’s K-12 public schools. The new assessment system was named Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA), with NeSA-R for reading assessments, NeSA-M for mathematics, NeSA-S for science, and NeSA-W for writing. The assessments in reading and mathematics were administered in grades 3-8 and 11; science was administered in grades 5, 8, and 11; and writing was administered in grades 4, 8, and 11.

Project Estimate: \$5,212,085 (\$2,449,770.72 has been expended)

Comments

March update:

On February 10, 2014, Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) has met with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) to review the issues that took place during NeSA-Writing—and have found that multiple issues were at the root of the problems students experienced. The table below summarizes the issues and the solutions provided by DRC:

Issue	Cause	Solution
Local Caching Server (LCS) Messages	-Multiple versions of the engine and LCS (Java and Web-Based) -Error in database	-Updated INSIGHT Engine released Feb 17 th with Testing Site Manager (TSM) replacing LCS -Error Corrected
Missing/Lost work in essays	-Defect coding in INSIGHT browser	-Code changed
Connection Outage on 1/23/14	-Intermittent database blocking as support technician queried database to investigate issues reported	-Change implemented so research into reported problems not taking place in the testing environment
White Screens	-Load issue	-Released TSM on Feb. 17 -DRC making design changes to streamline load requirements -New Load Simulation and Capacity Estimator tools available
Formatting Irregularities	Undetermined—DRC still investigating	-Updated INSIGHT engine -Should not be an issue with multiple choice test -Formatting is not included in scoring

DRC along with NDE is investigating the error reports for Testing Site Manager (TSM), the replacement caching system for Local Caching System (LCS), in the Updated INSIGHT engine. The Text-to-Speech (TTS) functionality for NeSA-RMS is dependent on the TSM caching the audio portion of the testing system.

NeSA-Writing Testing Issues

- Technology issues hampered the test administration for NeSA-Writing in the current year, 2013-2014.
- Districts had reported problems with the INSIGHT software previous to the opening of the window in November and December. NDE communicated with Data Recognition Corporation and with Nebraska districts over the issues and believed the problems had been resolved.

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- Several technology problems occurred during the NeSA-Writing test that resulted in:
 - Students losing connectivity to the test on January 23, 2014—2% of the students identified as being disconnected from the test on January 23.
 - Sections of student essays being lost upon electronic submission—1% of the students identified as having lost work. Others may have lost work, but they cannot be identified through the software.
 - Students not being able to log-in or losing connectivity while testing.
 - A few students experiencing formatting issues.

Reporting

- Due to the effect on students of erratic connectivity and technology errors, NDE is currently investigating and will make decisions when all information is available, concerning the release of NeSA-Writing scores for grades 8 and 11.

Next Steps-NeSA online testing

- Updated INSIGHT software for NeSA-Reading, Math, and Science was provided to districts on February 17, 2014. The updated software placed both applications—Check for Learning and NeSA-Reading, Math, Science—functioning in one on-line system. While this change eliminated former issues, districts are experiencing problems with the Testing Site Manager, which is a function of the updated INSIGHT software.
- Based on reports from districts, a software change was implemented in the INSIGHT software Thursday night, February 27, directly applicable to the Testing Site Manager. NDE continues to work with districts concerning technical issues and the viability of the INSIGHT software for the upcoming NeSA-Reading, Math, and Science window.
- NDE is also reaching out to organizations in Nebraska that could enhance communication, cooperation, and success with technology for NeSA testing.

Conclusion

The Nebraska Department of Education and the State Board of Education recognize the effect these problems have had on students and district personnel and apologize for their experiences—and for the time the technology issues have consumed. We do express appreciation for all the work going on in districts.

February update:

The following test windows were opened:

- NeSA-W Field Test Window – November 13 – December 20, 2013
- NeSA-W Practice Test Window – November 13 – December 20, 2013
- NeSA-W Testing Window – January 20 – February 7, 2014

As of January 30, most of the students have finished their writing assessments with 19226 11th graders and 18886 8th graders being complete. Some testing issues have occurred with DRC addressing most of the issues. A DRC team of technology specialists came to investigate specific issues that Lincoln Public Schools were having. The team collected evidence to address several issues listed below. Feedback through phone calls has been made to NDE and districts as needed to resolve ongoing testing issues.

- Loss of connectivity when logging in or during the test session,
- Possible loss of student work upon submission, and
- Connectivity outage on January 23 from 1:10 to 1:50 due to issue at DRC.

NDE continues to have a conversation with DRC and effected districts about these issues.

Additional Comments/Concerns:

Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) is a statewide assessment system mandated by Nebraska Statute. Nebraska Department of Education has contracted with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) to continue the development of the assessment system including management, development, delivery, administration, scanning/imaging, scoring, analysis, reporting, and standard setting for the online and pencil/paper reading, science, writing, and mathematics tests for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. DRC will facilitate the delivery, administration, scanning/imaging, scoring, analysis, and reporting for the alternate pencil/paper reading, science, and mathematics tests during the same assessment window. Online writing assessment will be added to the NeSA system in 2013 for grades 8 and 11.

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Enterprise Project Status Dashboard – as of March, 2014

Project: Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN)		Contact: Sue Krogman				
Start Date	10/01/2010	Orig. Completion Date	06/01/2013	Revised Completion Date	9/30/2015	
	March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status						
Schedule						
Budget						
Scope						
Project Description						
<p>The Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) is a project that will connect a majority of the Public Safety Access Points (PSAP) across the State by means of a point to point microwave system. The network will be a true, secure means of transferring data, video and voice. Speed and stability are major expectations; therefore there is a required redundant technology base of no less than 100 mbps with 99.999% availability for each site. It is hoped that the network will be used as the main transfer mechanism for currently in-place items, thus imposing a cost-saving to local government. All equipment purchased for this project is compatible with the networking equipment of the OCIO.</p> <p>Project Estimate: \$9,649,675 (\$7,669,714 has been expended)</p>						
Comments						
<p>NEMA is struggling with issues of governance and maintenance of the network. Governance would be needed at the local jurisdiction and not at the state agency (there is no state agency heading the project, it's all run at the local jurisdiction). There is no formal governance heading the project.</p> <p>March update: Negotiations with private tower owners as well as MOU's with City and County entities have been increasingly slowing down the project. Equipment is ready to be hung and the focus is on the East Central Region as they want to use the network to implement their EC911 system. Remediation issues are costing this grant more money than was originally planned; however, the finished product will be an asset to all involved.</p> <p>February update: Project is moving along rather quickly. Focus for contractor is on a Region to Region basis rather than availability of the towers. New engineering requirements for taller towers are causing delays while waiting for engineering companies to be able to climb towers. Other concerns are what it is going to cost to remediate "State-owned" towers. Project would like to share cost, if at all appropriate, with any other state projects currently in the build-out stage.</p> <p>Additional Comments/Concerns: It's possible that upcoming target dates might be missed. Based on the uncertainty of the infrastructure needed for the project and the time involved in obtaining the environmental approvals to proceed with the project, any target dates are fluid. In addition there has been a delay in completing, testing and accepting the Pilot Ring primarily due to the difficulty in locating adequate tower sites and negotiating leasing agreements and/or MOU's.</p>						

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Enterprise Project Status Dashboard – as of March, 2014

Project: MMIS		Contact:					
Start Date	N/A	Orig. Completion Date		N/A	Revised Completion Date		N/A
	March	February	November	September	July	June	
Overall Status							
Schedule							
Budget							
Scope							
Comments							
<p>Project On Hold until renewed</p> <p>Funding has been appropriated for a MMIS replacement in the current biennial budget starting July 1, 2014. Once the project moves forward (a RFP will be developed) DHHS is willing to have it classified as a NITC project.</p>							

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Enterprise Project Status Dashboard – as of March, 2014

Project: District Dashboards							Contact: Dean Folkers
Start Date	07/01/2013	Orig. Completion Date	06/30/2015	Revised Completion Date			
	March	February	November	September	July	June	
Overall Status							
Schedule							
Budget							
Scope							
Project Description							
<p>Made possible by a Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant from the United States Department of Education in 2012, the focus of the Nebraska Ed-Fi Dashboard initiative is to provide readily available data to the Nebraska classrooms to facilitate informed decision-making. Potential users include teachers, counselors, and administrators. NDE intends to leverage the Ed-Fi dashboard solution made available by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation to provide Nebraska with an advanced student performance dashboard system to be customized for Nebraska needs. The Ed-Fi data standard will serve to define the initial data elements powering the Nebraska Ed-Fi dashboard.</p> <p>Our Plan of Work for design, development, and piloting of the Nebraska Dashboards will commence in three phases, each to proceed subsequently upon successful completion of the previous phase, between the months of September 2013 and December 2014. The phases include: Phase I - Dashboard Readiness (September 2013-February 2014), Phase II – Dashboard Development (February 2014-June 2014), and Phase III – Dashboard Deployment (June 2014-December 2014).</p> <p>Project Estimate: \$466,623.75 has been expended, grant funds only</p>							
Comments							
<p>March update: No report for March.</p> <p>February update: We continue to make progress on the data dashboard initiative. In December, 2013 the Nebraska State Board of Education approved a contract for services with Double Line, Inc. to support NDE implementation of the Ed-Fi Dashboard with pilot districts. Additionally, NDE has officially contracted with 9 Nebraska Public School Districts to participate as official pilots, including: Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools, Fairbury Public Schools, Neligh-Oakdale Schools, Ponca Public Schools, South Sioux City Community Schools, Boone Central Schools, McCook Public Schools, Omaha Public Schools, and Valentine Community Schools. A series of engagements have been held with pilot districts to provide input into sample wireframes for the dashboard. This process will continue throughout February. Once complete and agreed to, Double Line will proceed with making customization to the dashboard for Nebraska. We continue to work with Student Information System vendors to promote their development of an interface with the NE dashboard. One of the three vendors has currently agreed. The other two are needed additional documentation before making final decisions. Meetings on providing an identity management solution for the dashboard continue with Network Nebraska, the ESUCC, NDE and Double Line. Next, these groups will meeting 02/12/04 for more progress. We brought on a project manager for this effort in mid-January. He is up and running at NDE now to support this project.</p> <p>Additional Comments/Concerns: None</p>							

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Project: EnterpriseOne System Upgrade		Contact: Lacey Pentland				
Start Date	10/01/2013	Orig. Completion Date	10/03/2014	Revised Completion Date	N/A	
	March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status						
Schedule						
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Scope						
Project Description						
<p>The State of Nebraska has been using JD Edwards to support the State’s agencies for over ten years. The current EnterpriseOne 9.0 system is relatively stable with a medium level of modifications. The program is planned, as much as possible, to be a technical upgrade with minimal impact on the existing business processes, interfaces and the related applications. The current applications landscape is proposed to be upgraded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade from E1 9.0 to E1 9.1 to stay current with the JD Edwards technology stack • Migrate/Retrofit required customizations to E1 9.1 based on the keep drop analysis • Be on the latest stack • Simplification of the existing ecosystem – minimize customization, expand usage of JDE application • Leverage standard functionalities provided by new features of E1 9.1 <p>Project Estimate: \$2,250,000 (\$196,249.90 has been expended)</p>						
Comments						
<p>March update: CNC (Configurable Network Computing, a resource specific to JD Edwards architecture and methodology) work is behind and project may be delayed unless significant progress is made in the next few weeks. Wipro has brought in additional resources to get caught up in this area.</p> <p><u>Current work completed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development team continues to work in E9.1 DEV environment and surface test the retrofit object, about 35% completed as of EOD 2/27 • Functional team spent most of the week undertaking data validation of PY environment and no major issues found. • Testing process review and test plan document being finalized - to be reviewed with the core team next week in preparation for configuration and testing phase • Use of Clarity for Issue tracking finalized and a training session for Wipro folks to be undertaken next week • Mapping of Test plan with Dev Tracker to be analyzed and to prioritize the testing of the more complex retrofit objects • A dedicated development resource - Muneeb Ahmad assigned to Expense Management team • Review of CNC resource plan and plan for onboarding of new CNC resources. <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development team to continue with the surface testing of the assigned objects and review the % completion for the next milestone target • Review the test plan with the Core team and then start with the configuration and testing in PY • Continue to work on the pending issues for E9.1 Dev - BI Publisher integration,F5 and update the CNC related documents • Set up of Clarity for the core team and undertake a session to walk-thru the use of the tool. • CNC resource plan - to start onboarding of new resources and plan out their activities • FA/CAM testing support plan - resource confirmation and time period • An additional development resource -Vidhya will be inducted in the team - to plan for her onboarding <p>February update: A delay in a CNC systems administrator install software has caused upcoming target dates to be missed.</p>						

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Current work completed:

- JDK Ver 1.6 is being undertaken by the AS400 admin at the OCIO office - completed on 1/28/14
- Master Testing Status file updated and being reviewed for inputs from the functional leads
- Expense Management resource and Sr. Developer resource on boarded 1/22/14.
- Development tracker updated and assignment of few bundles (groupings of objects) made ready for developers.
- Reg. the other Expense Management resource Shankar - expected to travel around 2/2/14.
- Process for Surface testing pass-thru (customized) objects review and finalized. Column included in Dev Tracker to indicate the same
- Monthly Steering Committee review meeting undertaken, Project status and risks reviewed.
- Planning for additional CNC and Developer resources starting week of 1/27/14

Next Steps:

- Undertake Spec Merge for E9.1 once the JDK Ver 1.6 is complete.
- Surface test the new E9.1 DEV environment and validate the data
- Functional leads will undertake spot checking in their respective functional areas as part of environment validation
- Orientation of new developers about the State of Nebraska development standards and retrofit process
- Planning for the additional CNC resource to be working from onsite for the next few weeks.
- Continue to review the Master Testing Status sheet based on the updates as received by the leads
- Review the Modification Disposition assignment and assess the milestone dates based on the start of retrofit development

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The project(s) listed below are reporting voluntarily and is not considered as an Enterprise Project by the NITC.

Project: NeSIS PeopleSoft Campus Solutions		Contact: Jim Zemke					
ADA Compliance							
Start Date	08/01/2010	Orig. Completion Date	12/31/2011	Revised Completion Date	09/01/2014		
		March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status							
Schedule							
Budget							
Scope							
Project Description							
Requested							
Project Estimate: TBD							
Comments							
<p>March update: Work continues to clearly define University of Nebraska’s institutional position concerning “reasonable accommodation”. We have completed an initial evaluation of the current ADA compliance level of our Campus Solutions system. The results of this evaluation have been forwarded on to Oracle. They responded indicating they feel Campus Solutions is appropriately compliant. We have developed a strategy and plan to address compliance issues for in house developed Campus Solutions related application development. Additional staff has been added to the NeSIS project team to assist with compliance related activities. We have reviewed the additional applications related to Campus Solutions processing (e.g. the campus SIS portals, the Online Admissions application, etc.) that we have implemented and we are working to make sure these applications comply with our ADA compliance standards.</p> <p>February update: Same update as March.</p> <p>Additional Comments/Concerns: The vendor has certified the Campus Solutions student information system was ADA compliant. However, subsequent analysis indicates that some accessibility issues do exist and the level of compliance provided may not be adequate. Also, additional functionality beyond that included in the base Campus Solutions system has also been implemented and those functional components will also have to be evaluated.</p>							

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Project: AFIS Upgrade		Contact: Anthony Loth				
Start Date	6/01/2013	Orig. Completion Date	2/13/2014	Revised Completion Date	--	
	March	February	November	September	July	June
Overall Status						
Schedule						
Budget						
Scope						
Project Estimate: \$750,000 (\$450,000 has been expended)						
Comments						
<p>March update: The Out of Memory error issue has been resolved. AFIS has not had to be rebooted to clear the error since the fix was implemented on 2/13. NSP has signed the final project acceptance certificate bringing this project to a close! One final invoice for \$150,000 was due upon final project acceptance and upon receipt of that final invoice, this project will be complete and paid for.</p> <p>February update: There is one post-implementation issue that continues to cause problems. Out of memory java errors continue to come up about every 2-3 days resulting in system slowness. The system administrator then needs to reboot the entire system. MorphoTrak is continuing to troubleshoot the problem and they are confident that the cause will be identified and corrected before our upcoming milestone date of February 13. However, given that these issues have been ongoing since implementation and that we are less than two weeks from the planned project completion date, I have changed the overall project status indicator to yellow.</p> <p>Additional Comments/Concerns: None</p>						

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Color Legend		
	Red	Project has significant risk to baseline cost, schedule, or project deliverables. Current status requires immediate escalation and management involvement. Probable that item will NOT meet dates with acceptable quality without changes to schedule, resources, and/or scope.
	Yellow	Project has a current or potential risk to baseline cost, schedule, or project deliverables. Project Manager will manage risks based on risk mitigation planning. Good probability item will meet dates and acceptable quality. Schedule, resource, or scope changes may be needed.
	Green	Project has no significant risk to baseline cost, schedule, or project deliverables. Strong probability project will meet dates and acceptable quality.
	Gray	No report for the reporting period or the project has not yet been activated.

Don Mihulka is currently the Associate Chief Information Officer at the University of Nebraska and Nebraska Student Information System Director. As Associate CIO, Don reports to the CIO and has over 32 years of experience in application development, analysis, project management and management information systems. He has operational responsibility for all technical aspects of the university wide computing systems and services. He has been at the University for 30 years.

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