
Decision Tool

Select Committee on Efficiency in Government
State Capitol, Helena
November 14, 2012

Introduction

At the Committee's meeting in Helena on September 10-11, 2012, the members postponed action on two issues highlighted by the Committee's Information Technology Subcommittee. The Committee may use this Decision Tool determine what action or recommendation, if any, it wishes to communicate in its final report.

The issues left unresolved following the September 10-11 meeting are reiterated in the following descriptions. If the Committee passes a motion to take definitive action on either of the issues, the narrative in the final report will be revised to reflect the Committee's action. Otherwise, the final report will reflect that the Committee took no action on the issue.

Information Technology Issues

Issue 2 Summary: Cloudy in Montana The State of Montana Data Center (SMDC) provides services to state agencies that are similar to services available through the cloud. Confusion exists regarding the difference between the services of SMDC and private entities that provide cloud computing hardware, software, and services. There needs to be a clear understanding about how the SMDC and contracted cloud services can work together to provide optimal storage and retrieval services to state government.

The IT Subcommittee asked for further clarification regarding jurisdictional issues related to cloud contracting. Because of the nature of the cloud, legal venues and processes are not clearly defined. *The Committee left this issue open for future consideration.*

Action Item: *Does the Committee wish to take any action on this issue?*

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Issue 7 Summary: Network Plans The state does not have a long-term strategy to provide a stable, predictable and affordable statewide network. The plan presented to the SCEG included the utilization of the "Northern Tier" network and improvements to the "middle mile" and "local loop" connections. The improvements are to be funded through a combination of reductions in contracted services and rate recovery. *The Committee left this issue open for future consideration.*

Action Item: *Does the Committee wish to take any action on this issue?*

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