CIO Report to the Legislative Finance Committee
June, 2016

A. ***MITA Compliance and Exceptions to Information Technology (IT) Standards, Policies and Statute (2-6-503, MCA Extensions and 2-17-515, MCA Granting exceptions)***

    a. ***MITA Compliance***
Nothing to report

    b. ***Exception Requests Granted***

        1. The Department of Labor and Industry requested an exception request to the POL-Online Electronic Payment Processing Policy to use RegFox Event Management online software. This exception was granted to include the 2016 Governor's Conference on Worker's Compensation and future events of this nature unless an enterprise solution is adopted that also meets DLI's business requirements.

        2. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks requested an exception to the POL-Information Security Policy – Appendix A (Baseline Security Controls). SITSD granted their exception request contingent upon 1. their applications and server be moved behind the Web Application Firewall no later than April 12, 2016 and 2. their mitigation plan be adjusted to have the following applications re-written in Java by December 31, 2016:

            a. Fish Guide

            b. MFish

            c. Lands

            d. Lands Tax and Agreement

            e. Wildlife Library Search

            f. Parks Visitation

    c. ***Exception Requests Rescinded***

        1. The Department of Justice (Highway Patrol Division) requested and was denied an exception request to the POL-Information Security Policy – Appendix C. DOJ wanted to communicate with members of the press for long distance interviews that contain non-criminal confidential information to external recipients outside the Montana Highway Patrol. The approved Enterprise method for web communication is using Skype for Business. If members of the press do not have Skype for Business, their system can install a free plug-in to allow the interview to take place. The press may also attend meetings by connecting to the guest wireless network by the use of a secured, patched laptop. Both of these methods would limit the exposure of risk to the enterprise and still meet the desired need.

        2. The Department of Transportation requested and was denied an exception request to the POL-Secured eGovernment Service Access Policy. MDT wanted to have temporary access to the MDT Structure Management system so that a limited number of their contractors can complete bridge data entry and query information necessary to fulfill RFP requirements. We suggested that they use the Enterprise VPN Services to fulfill their needs.

B. IT Projects (2-17-526, MCA)
n/a

C. Policies (5-12-205 MCA)
    a. Enterprise Polices, Standards, and Procedures Published
        1. Nothing to report.

    b. Enterprise Policies, Standards, and Procedures in Development
        1. Information Technology Procurement Request (ITPR) Policy
        2. Information Technology Procurement Request (ITPR) Procedure
        3. Approval of Software for Enterprise Use Procedure
        4. Conducting Information Technology Pilots Procedure

    c. CIO Advisories
        1. Nothing to report.

D. State of Montana Biennial Report of Information Technology (2-17-512, MCA)
Nothing to report.

E. State Strategic IT Plan (2-17-522, MCA)
Nothing to report.

F. Agency IT Plans (2-17-523, 2-17-524, 2-17-527 MCA)
The ITSM Section is in the process of reviewing the 2016 Agency IT Plans.