CIO Report to the Legislative Finance Committee
March, 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 Environmental Quality's Water Protection Bureau (WPB) requested and was granted an exception request to the POL-Secured eGovernment Service Access Policy to e4nsure protection of beneficial uses of surface and ground waters throughout the state. DEQ's FACTS application will provide the WPB with new business functionality required by state and federal law, and meet business requirements for internal users and external customers for permit applications, permit maintenance modifications and inspection activities, and compliance assistance. In order to accept electronic submissions from a regulated community, WPB must comply with 40 CFR, Part 3, Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR).

        2. The Department of Administration's State Financial Services Division requested and was granted an exception to the STD-Common Data Technical Elements Standard to be able to display the following three attached-to agencies separately. To separate the School for the Deaf and Blind from the Board of Public Education, and the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration and the Teachers' Retirement System from the Department of Administration. This approved exception will minimize public confusion.

        3. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks requested and was granted an exception to the POL-Online Electronic Payment Processing Policy and the use of the State Electronic Payment Processing Portal. Montana State Parks received permission from FWP to partner with Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) for an online reservation program and proceed with an RFP. This exception will allow Montana State Parks to continue meeting the needs of customers and Montana public citizens with future development and improved services.

        4. The Secretary of State requested and was granted an exception to utilize the Department of Administration's contract with TransFirst for all modes of payment processing, with the exception of electronic checks, for the Information Systems Management (SIMS) project only. As a condition of this exception, as verified with the vendor, Foster Moore, SIMS will integrate with TransFirst in a manner that is "loosely coupled," according to service-oriented architecture practices. This architecture will allow flexibility and reduce the time and cost to change back to the State's designated payment processor, should this be deemed necessary as part of the best practices of the State at some future date.

    c. *Exception Requests Rescinded*
    Nothing to report.

B. *IT Projects (2-17-526, MCA)*
The Information Technology Project Portfolio Report, Supplemental Reports, and Post Implementation Reports are attached.

C. Policies (5-12-205 MCA)
    a. Enterprise Polices, Standards, and Procedures Published
        1. Data Classification Policy
        2. Data Classification Guideline
        3. Enterprise Mobile Device Management Policy

    b. Enterprise Policies, Standards, and Procedures in Development
        1. Nothing to report.

    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)
A final draft of the 2015 State Strategic IT Plan was presented to the Information Technology Board (ITB) at their meeting held during the IT Conference on December 8, 2015 and SITSD published the State Strategic Plan for IT on March 1, 2016 after review and approval of the Governor's Office.

F. Agency IT Plans (2-17-523, 2-17-524, 2-17-527 MCA)
Agency IT Plans are due to SITSD by April 15, 2016. SITSD plans to notify the outcome of such IT Plans no later than June 30, 2016.