



STATE OF MONTANA
Department of Administration
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION



Brian Schweitzer
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Legislative Finance Committee
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Committee Members,

The CIO provides the following information on Information Technology Oversight as an update to the information reported in the October meeting.

A. IT Projects (2-17-526, MCA)

ITSD has committed to work with the Commissioner of Political Practices in taking the following actions in regards to the development of the Campaign Tracker application:

1. To look at the functionality of the existing application and determine the level of effort required to fix the existing code vs. the development of the Campaign Tracker application anew.
2. To work with the procurement staff in developing a budget dependant solution, with the understanding that no funding currently exists for a new contract.

B. State Strategic IT Plan (2-17-522, MCA)

My staff and I have reviewed the Information Technology Plan for the Department of Justice and found it insufficient in several areas. I am unable to approve their plan at this time.

The major issue is the assertion by the Department of Justice that the Criminal Justice Network, which DOJ states is now part of all systems within the department, is exempt from MITA, and therefore DOJ is free to move forward in a direction best suited for the department.

Given the history of the of the exemption provision of the statute, I do not concur with DOJ's assertion that all of their systems are exempt from MITA.

Sincerely,

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