The final meeting of the Information Technology Resource Management Council was held on June 25, 2013 at 1:00 in the East Conference Room of the Joe R. Williams Building, 700 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE
Members Present:
Teresa Luna (Chair), Director, Dept. of Administration
Representative Tom Loertscher
Senator Cliff Bayer
Senator Brandon Durst
Brandon Woolf, State Controller
John McAllister, Dep. Chief Director, Dept. of Labor
Bill Reynolds, GIS Coordinator, Nez Perce County (Phone)
Dennis Gribble, Vice President & CIO, Idaho Power Co.
Mike Rush, Exec. Director, State Board of Education
Richard Armstrong, Director, Dept. of Health & Welfare

Members Absent:
Kevin Iwersen, Chief Information Officer, Idaho Courts
Tom Luna, Supt. of Public Instruction
Mike Field, Executive Director, Idaho Rural Partnership
2nd Representative – position vacant
2nd Executive Agency Officer – position vacant
Public Safety Official – position vacant

Others Present:
Garry Beaty, City of Boise
Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO
Carla Casper, Office of the CIO
Michael Farley, Dept. of Health and Welfare
Bill Farnsworth, Office of the CIO
Dan Goicoechea, State Controller’s Office
Gregory Lindstrom, Div. of Purchasing

CALLED TO ORDER
Director Luna called the meeting to order.

MINUTES
MOTION: Dep. Director McAllister moved and Controller Woolf seconded a motion to approved the minutes from October 31, 2012 as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

FISCAL POLICY
During the 2013 legislative session, the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) had approved the Dept. of Administration’s IT budget request, which had been presented with the written and verbal support of several agencies. However, Governor Otter and the JFAC Chairs had stressed that this was a one-time approval and that future funding for central network and security systems should be recovered from across state agencies. Greg Zickau presented the council with a proposed method for recovering such costs, which result from a combination of capital costs, one-time and ongoing costs. The annual impact currently amounts to $627,550.

Mr Zickau proposed using a combination of:
  a) allocated costs determined using a formula much like that which is used to determine ITRMC fees (based on each agency’s technology spend and their technology FTP count); and
  b) a user fee based on an agency’s internet usage.
There are benefits to this change in fiscal policy: funding for future systems will not be wholly dependent on General Fund availability; visibility of central network and security costs is increased; customer (agency) control over the services provided is increased.

In the discussion that followed, several points were raised:

- Agencies will have to include or enhance their IT appropriation requests individually every year. It was noted that while many agencies would have to request additional General Fund dollars to accommodate this change, there are agencies funded from other sources which are currently being inappropriately subsidized by the General Fund.

- Agencies’ security needs vary greatly depending on their federal compliance requirements. The Office of the CIO provides a basic level of security for all agencies and has been pursuing a strategy of defense in depth. Some agencies have their own firewalls or Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS), the proposal presented today will not change that, but it will give agencies greater visibility and control regarding the enterprise network and security.

- A question was raised about how the cloud might impact funding. While the cloud holds some promise, there are concerns about where data will reside and its recoverability. The focus has been on the core network and having a solid foundation. It was noted that a cloud hosted by the state may be possible at some point, this would mitigate some of the security concerns.

- It had been hoped that the proposal could be incorporated into the Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP). There are concerns about whether this would be appropriate but discussions with the Legislative Services Office and Division of Financial Management are ongoing in this regard.

- Given the short time available for implementing this proposal during FY15, the Dept. of Administration intends to send letters shortly to all agencies advising them of the fiscal impact they will be facing.

- A question was raised as to whether JFAC might expect these IT costs to be absorbed by agencies, that the costs would “disappear”. Senator Bayer’s personal understanding was that this would not be the case. The discussion in this meeting evidenced that Information Technology was too tangible to be absorbed.

**MOTION:** Representative Loertscher moved and Director Armstrong seconded a motion that the council approves using a combination of allocation and user fees to recover costs for central network and security systems; the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Dr. Rush moved and Mr McAllister seconded a motion that the council recommends serious review of SWCAP as a means for implementing this method of recovering costs; the motion passed unanimously.

**ITRMC OVERVIEW**

**IDAHO GEOSPATIAL COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IGC-EC)**

Bill Farnsworth reported to the Council on behalf of Anne Kawalec who chairs the IGC-EC. Highlights from the past two years included the development of a real-time network of GNSS base stations across Idaho; the possibility of Idaho being included in the 2013 NAIP imagery data collection; the work of Regional Resource Centers in Eastern and Northern Idaho; and the recent developments in the sharing of parcel data between the state and counties.

**IT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (ITLC)**

John McAllister’s report highlighted the strengthening of the State’s IT focus and the facilitation of State agency collaboration. Notable efforts from the past two years included the improvements in the Idaho State Network
(ISN); the sharing of funds and technical expertise across agencies; and the effective strategic planning that had taken place under the auspices of the ITLC.

LOOKING AHEAD
Given that the meeting had already overrun its time, Mr Zickau suggested that members submit by email any recommendations that might help set the stage for the Idaho Technology Authority’s success.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 2:25. This was the final meeting of the IT Resource Management Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Brevick
Office of the CIO