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Regents Participation in Statewide Activities

Board of Regents institutions are active participants in many areas of the state's IT operations. Some of the more significant areas are:

Governance

The Board of Regents is statutorily a participant in the Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC), holding a position on that Council. As a member, they have a significant voice in determining state IT policies and direction.

Four Board of Regents institutions are active members in the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Policy Board, and a Board of Regents Institution operates the state's GIS Data Access and Support Center (DASC) for the statewide GIS community.

Representatives from several of the Regent's universities as well as a representative of the Board of Regents routinely attend the monthly Information Technology Advisory Board (ITAB) meeting.

As a matter of policy, each of the 14 Domain Groups within the Kansas Information Technology Architecture includes at least one member from a Regents institution. Also as a matter of policy, there is always a Regents institution represented on the Kansas Technical Architecture Review Board (KTARB).

Vendor Management / Strategic Sourcing

Representatives from several of the Regent's universities were key players in the revamping of the state's personal computer contracts, providing both strategic planning information and technical resources.

A Regent's university representative served on the Procurement Negotiating Committee for the recent replacement of the statewide computer maintenance contract and Regents institutions provided the bulk of the non-Revenue equipment inventory configurations that were used in evaluation formulas.

Representatives from two Regent's universities served on the statewide Storage Area Network (SAN) study group.

A Regent's university representative regularly attends and shares in the work of the standing Vendor Management Strategic Sourcing Committee, and there are representatives from several of the Regent's universities on the Vendor Management Steering Committee.

Statewide Contract Development – The Division of Purchases holds a monthly meeting of their staff and agency procurement officials to address statewide contracts. Many of the contracts are IT-focused, and several of the Regent's universities are very active participants in these meetings.

Security

A Regent's institution serves as a Member on the state's Information Technology Security Council and acts as an interface or conduit between that group and the Regents Information Technology Security Workgroup.

Regents institutions are part of the broader security community and frequently provide information or news to state agencies (via the state's Chief Information Security Officer) about security events that they encounter first.

Operations

Regents institutions have supported the Governor's initiative to establish and implement clearer expectations in the acceptable use of the Internet by state agencies and employees.

A Regent's institution is participating in exploratory activities relative to creation of a State IT back-up facility in the Wichita area.

The KanREN/Kan-ed and KANWIN networks are interconnected on a Peer-to-Peer basis. The connection supports shared administrative applications like SHaRP.

Regents institutions are active players in the state's migration of its video conferencing functions to High-Definition (HD). Regents institutions often make their video-conferencing sites available for use by state agencies.

Project Management

Regent's institutions have been active participants in the Project Management Methodology Refresh effort.

Executive Branch Participation in Regents Activities

There are many areas where the Executive Branch participates directly in Regents IT activities. Some of the more significant areas are:

Governance

The Executive Branch CITO attends the Board of Regents Information Technology Council (RITC) meetings to provide a monthly update to the Regents institutions on state's activities and receive an update on active and planned campus IT activities.

Vendor Management / Strategic Sourcing / Procurements

The Regents Procurement Advisory Group (RPAG) is a monthly meeting of Regents institutions procurement staff. Staff from the Division of Purchases almost always joins this group's meetings. Many of the topics are IT-focused.

Most significant procurements in the State are negotiated, including those that occur at Regents institutions. CITO Staff routinely serve on the Procurement Negotiating Committees as the designee of the Secretary of Administration, providing direct involvement in most significant IT activities that occur at Regent's institutions.

Operations

DISC assisted with the initial implementation of the KanREN/Kan-ed network. DISC presently provides network monitoring services for both these networks during the Regents' off-periods.

State staff often appears before and participate in the Council on Higher Education Computing in Kansas (CHECK) Conference. CHECK gathers most of the Regents institutions IT staffs together annually for training and information sharing.

The Board of Regents co-located (moved) its data center into DISC's facility in December, 2006. DISC provides monitoring of the processors, and assists with operations on request. Discussion is occurring about integrating BOR backup and other operations with the broader DISC operations (Tivoli functions for example).

Security

Regents institutions are part of the broader security community and frequently receive information or news from other state agencies (via the state's Chief Information Security Officer) about security events that are encountered first in general government operations.

Project Management

The Executive Branch CITO and the Enterprise Project Management Office provide oversight for all projects occurring within the Regents institutions valued at more than \$250,000. This oversight includes project reviews and approvals at the high-level and detailed plan stages, approval of all specifications, monitoring of the projects on an ongoing basis, and receiving the Post Implementation Evaluation Report (PIER).