The Agency Financial Reporting System (AFRS) began in 1985, and at the time, served as a sufficient system to manage Washington state’s fiscal functions. Today our business needs are different with newer technology available it’s time to seek a new system that will provide real-time, accurate and collaborative information.

The concept of an ERP is to combine multiple functions of business needs into a single system, so all organizational data can be accessed in real time. ERP’s data can help agencies understand the trends of transactions and provide timely, accurate data to policy and decision makers.

Agency budget system

One Washington held a statewide preview event Oct. 27 to show all agency Budget Development System (BDS) users a preview of the new system, coming in June 2018. We also announced the winner of the new system naming contest and unveiled the new system’s name, Agency Budget System. A recording of the event is on our website.
Program Blueprint

The One Washington program has successfully completed the first version of the program Blueprint! The program Blueprint is the design for the next eight years. It defines the initiatives to accomplish the implementation plan and schedule, and identifies the benefits for these initiatives. This work builds on the activities from the 2014 Business Case and sets the stage for implementation.

To develop this Blueprint, staff conducted a series of activities to identify both technology, and non-technology dependent initiatives, and define the detailed work needed to implement them. The staff conducted interviews, working sessions and large workshops with One Washington stakeholders, including business owners and data experts from a representative group of state agencies. These outcomes will be analyzed to create a cost estimate for each initiative, a budget and a staffing plan for version 2 of the program Blueprint.

The Blueprint is being developed iteratively in three versions. Version 1 serves to both outline the document and support the supplemental budget request for fiscal year 2019. This version contains information on the first functions to be implemented (finance and procurement), and high-level information on later functions (budget and HR/payroll).

For more information, and to view the Blueprint version 1, please see the One Washington website.

Below is the planned timeline for the One Washington transformation. More details can be found in the Blueprint version 1.

Spotlight

Our strategic partner, Accenture, is recognized for outstanding achievement in state government

Accenture recently helped the State of Wisconsin successfully implement its ERP system to become a data-driven organization. Nominated for Enterprise IT Management Initiatives, Wisconsin migrated away from 140 antiquated systems into a secure and reliable ERP platform in less than three years.

For more information about the award: http://www.nascio.org.

Food for thought

I cannot say whether things will get better if we change; what I can say is they must change if they are to get better.

-George C. Lichtenberg

Questions?

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