

Regents Information Technology Council (RITC) December 2007 Meeting Notes

Date: December 18, 2007

Attendees:

Jim Bingham (KU Med.), Leon Lewis (ESU), Donna Liss (KU), James Lyall (KSU), Gary Ott (WSU), Michael Gunter (Washburn), Jerry Smith (PSU), David Schmidt (FHSU), Denise Moore (KITO)

Guests:

Chris Howe and several purchasing staff. Several university Directors of Purchasing.

Discussion Items:

1. * Discussion with State and University Purchasing Directors regarding State Contracts.

- RITC was joined by the Directors of Purchasing from several universities as well as the State Director, Chris Howe, and several of his staff. The purpose of the discussion was to review the process for the establishment and approval of state contracts, and to seek additional opportunities for better collaboration on contracts and other purchasing processes.
 - Chris Howe provided an overview of Agency contracts. The process and procedures that surrounded the contract for IT Training was specifically discussed.
 - The IT Training contract did not represent a wide enough range of input in its development. It seems to have only come from the IT Strategic Sourcing Group.
 - The goal of the contract had been to allow for sharing of training, as a way to improve efficiency and lower cost – but the end result did not achieve this goal for many Agencies.
 - There was a discussion of the Task Proposal Request (TPR) and how this fit into the training process.
 - The current IT Training Contract is being revised – Regents' Universities will be exempted.
 - There was a discussion of how the process could be improved. The importance of good communications was emphasized.
 - Other contracts / agreements were also discussed. These included:
 - Foundry Contract
 - *WISCA and MHEC agreements. – Chris Howe indicated that any MHEC contract items were allowable (indicate MHEC on the purchase request).
 - The use of Software House International (SHI) was also discussed.

- *The Sun contract is being re-negotiated as an Agency / University contract.
- Several summary / action items were agreed upon. These included:
 - * IT Strategic Sourcing Team proposals will be distributed to RITC and ITAB for feedback before finalized.
 - The Training contract will be made optional for Regents' Universities.

2. Digital Preservation with the State Historical Society – The State Historical Society is looking at several digital retention issues. They are considering hosting a conference on the subject.
3. KU Peer-to-Peer policy – There was a discussion of how KU developed their current “zero tolerance” policy.
4. *Emergency Website Hosting – There was a discussion of the possibility of universities hosting an emergency website for each other. Further discussion will be held when Disaster Recovery discussion continue at a future meeting.
5. *Outsourced Student E-mail – Their was a discussion of the benefits and issues of using outsourced student e-mail such as Goggle Apps. Kansas State University has an e-mail taskforce underway that should be reporting soon. KSU is strongly considering Zimbra as an option. The group requested that KSU provide an update as their taskforce moves forward.
6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20pm.

* Indicates a collaborative activities: