

DA IT Agency IT Plan FY17

Agency Overview

Wisconsin's District Attorney Offices are led by 71 independently elected officials and are attached to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes.

Wisconsin's District Attorney Information Technology (DA IT) Program provides IT services to these offices and links DA offices throughout the state to help bridge information gaps within the justice community. With guidance from the Wisconsin District Attorney Association, DA IT provides attorneys with the tools and services needed to efficiently track and prosecute cases.

With statewide adoption, the District Attorney Information Technology (DA IT) program is critical as DA offices become increasingly dependent on technology to help manage their workload. DA IT focuses on furthering two key goals:

- 1) **Improving access to and sharing of Justice Information:** the DA IT solutions are a key enabler to allow information to be shared throughout the justice system. Greater access to information leads to better charging decisions and more accurate criminal history. DA IT has interfaces to share information with Law Enforcement, Courts, State Patrol, the Criminal History Repository, Department of Justice, and victim notification services in the Department of Corrections.
- 2) **Operating state and local government more efficiently:** the implementation of a statewide system provides efficiencies by leveraging a single, centrally managed application as opposed to purchasing systems in each individual county. In addition, a central business-focused support team provides a cohesive service structure comparable to other justice agencies.

I. **Top Five IT Goals:** Identify your agency's top five goals/objectives for utilizing information technology in FY17, and how they serve your agency's business needs. This response can be a high-level, one-page summary.

1. Increase **Bandwidth** with Failover: Currently approximately 10% of DAIT's budget is spent providing connectivity from Madison to each remote DA office. Most of those connections are capped at 1.5 MB due to cost. In addition, this connectivity is also a single point of failure should the connection be disrupted. DA IT and DET have begun efforts to migrate to ISPs with 50-60 MB at a lessor cost and adding a 5 MB 4G connection for failover. Several sites have been deployed, but many more remain. This is a cost savings – or worst case – cost neutral project. This is the top priority moving forward.
2. **eFiling:** The Supreme Court is mandating eFiling of all court documents. Although initially the mandate is for civil cases, ultimately this will include criminal cases as well. The Courts are determining the pace and order of the county implementations; however, DA IT is requesting we be included in the selection process as there is significant work on the DA office side in preparation for eFiling and some offices are more ready than others.
3. **Evidence management:** With the increasing prevalence of digital evidence, DA IT needs to develop a comprehensive plan and options related to the electronic storage of this evidence as well as eDiscovery. Whether this requires a development effort, a product procurement, or a change in process and procedures is undetermined at this time.

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4. **Data Analytics:** Upon the support of the WDAA leadership and steering committee, provide a vehicle to produce aggregate prosecutor data for statewide reporting and evidence based decision making efforts.
5. **Best Practices:** With the potential focus on aggregate reporting, work with individual DA offices on the implementation of best practices to encourage greater consistency in data collection among DA offices.

II. **Agency IT Projects expected to cost \$1 million or more.**

DA IT will not have any projects reaching the \$1 million threshold.

III. **Potential Agency Projects projects that could meet the \$1 million-or-more cost threshold.**

DA IT does not have any potential projects reaching the \$1 million threshold.

IV. **IT Infrastructure Projects or Expenditures**

DA IT does not anticipate any infrastructure projects or expenditures other than maintaining existing operations.

V. **Plans to migrate to Office 365.**

DAIT's most recent Office upgrade (2010) required funding through a 16.515 budget initiative to access an existing cash balance. DA IT no longer has a cash balance. Since Office 365 requires an annual subscription, DA IT will need budget authority and funding in order to migrate to Office 365. Availability of these funds will drive a future implementation date. Implementation will also be based on completion of the increased bandwidth project.

VI. **Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) rollout.**

Since Voice services are currently provided to each District Attorney office through each county rather than the state, DA IT has no plans to participate in the VoIP rollout.

VII. *Response removed for Web publishing purposes.*

VIII. Please attach with this plan your agency's portfolio assessment. If the assessment is not yet completed, please indicate the status of progress toward completion of the agency portfolio assessment.

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- IX. Additional Issues/Activities (OPTIONAL) – Identify and explain issues or other activities not described already that are influencing, or could influence, successful execution of your agency’s IT plan and about which DOA/DET should be aware.