

Strategic Plan 2006

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OUR MISSION

Support transformation of public services by effective information management and efficient delivery of services to government and its customers.

We do this by developing enterprise information strategies, policies, and standards; by overseeing information technology investments; and by creating a secure and efficient information management environment.

OUR VISION

An efficient information technology environment in which:

- Customers have fast, secure access to data, applications, and services.
- Business needs, enterprise architecture, and standards guide investment decisions to achieve highest value.
- Effective use of shared information technology (IT) applications and services is the preferred mode of operation.
- Effective process management ensures prudent investment decisions and practices.
- Customers are routinely consulted when establishing the enterprise priorities, strategies, and policies that are the basis for effective information management.

OUR VALUES

In carrying out our responsibilities, we will:

- Work in close collaboration with our stakeholders and customers to identify and provide optimal solutions.
- Make decisions that are in the best interest of the people of the state of Minnesota.
- Act at all times in a manner consistent with our obligation to be thoughtful stewards of the public trust.
- Continuously seek out innovative technologies and business practices that improve public sector performance and service levels.
- Maintain an enterprise perspective and a future orientation on both business and technology matters.
- Observe process integrity in our management of projects and programs.
- Make decisions that are fact based, data driven, and objective.
- Observe the highest standards of ethical behavior as individuals and as an organization, and treat all persons with consideration and respect.

OUR STAKEHOLDERS

We exist to serve the needs and interests of the citizens of the state. We are accountable to them through the governor, legislature, and other elected officials who serve them; and to the public sector entities that administer programs to serve the citizens.

OUR CUSTOMERS

Our principal customers include the citizens of Minnesota, state agencies and constitutional officers, public school systems and higher education institutions, and the local political subdivisions of the state. A positive relationship with customers, based on involvement and mutual respect, is essential to our success.

OUR STRATEGIES

TRANSFORM OET/ORGANIZATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Outcome: OET is a restructured, enterprise-focused agency whose employees have the skills and tools to support the OET mission.

Approach: Redesign or refine business processes, encourage innovation, clarify and realign resources, provide targeted staff development, clearly define performance measures, and strengthen customer relationships.

• DEFINE THE SCOPE AND OFFERINGS OF SERVICES

Outcome: OET offers a portfolio of service offerings keyed to customer needs — the shared/utility business model, the governance structure, and the enterprise information management strategies.

Approach: Analyze our operations and customer needs, redefine products and services from customer and partnership perspectives, and identify enterprise oversight needs.

TRANSFORM DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

Outcome: OET supports a business-centered, decision-making structure using parallel processing. We emphasize an action-oriented, collaborative, and communicative culture.

Approach: Define internal management practices around service elements, engage stakeholders in a collaborative planning environment, and implement a responsive, effective operational environment.

IMPLEMENT ENTERPRISE SECURITY AND ID MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Outcome: OET manages a stable, secure, and responsive computing environment that supports information sharing and electronic service delivery.

Approach: Create and manage a comprehensive program of enterprise-wide security access, identification, authorization, and intrusion detection which assures citizens of data, process, and transactional integrity.

• LEVERAGE IT CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT PROCESSES FOR BEST VALUE

Outcome: OET creates and oversees opportunities for economies of scale and improvements in support through standardization.

Approach: Develop policies to support enterprise-wide acquisition of technology and staff resources and assess agency needs for best value.

• DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR ENTERPRISE IT

Outcome: Funding sources for OET and agency-centered shared services are stable and reflect the value and scope of services provided to other agencies and customers.

Approach: Explore new mechanisms for funding enterprise-wide investments, identify reinvestment opportunities, develop a funding model for both shared and direct services, encourage understanding of enterprise-wide Total Cost of Ownership and life-cycle funding, develop internal accountability methods, and develop well-designed asset and investment tracking processes.

EMBRACE A STRONG PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Outcome: OET, in partnership with agencies, provides oversight of enterprise IT investments, projects, and policies on behalf of its stakeholders.

Approach: Develop the infrastructure; collect, analyze, and evaluate data; institute a phased-approach development model; construct evaluation and monitoring processes for major IT projects and acquisitions; and support best practices for agency development.

• LEAD THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE

Outcome: OET leads in the definition and maintenance of a structured information architecture for the state, for good investment decisions, and for enterprise-wide leveraging of information and technology.

Approach: Utilize the existing technical architecture and collaborative standardssetting processes to define integrated, standards-based business and information architectures.

PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION FOR SEAMLESS INTEGRATION OF E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Outcome: OET is aligned with agency business needs by providing technology services that enhance agency systems, resulting in seamless information sharing, technology standardization, and reduced costs.

Approach: Establish an OET e-Government leadership team, partner with customers, and align with the enterprise architecture to define reusable components for e-Government service development and integration. Guided by enterprise policies and standards, ensure that e-Government service designs are secure, scalable, and intuitive.