



ITPC POLICY NO. 8

ITPC Policy: Cross-agency Planning for Greater Resource Sharing

1.0. Purpose: Identify compelling opportunities for developing common data bases and common Processes across state agencies.

2.0. Necessity: Through the enactment of the Information Technology Policy Act of 1995, the Georgia General Assembly expressed its intent for the Information Technology Policy Council (ITPC) to identify and develop ways in which technology can improve the delivery of services to the public. Such improvements include the intent to "maximize efficiency and resources and avoid duplication in the implementation of information technology" among State agencies.

Most significantly, there exists numerous programs for which the development of shared data bases and shared processes could improve the functioning of government. For example, numerous agencies maintain demographic information on Georgia companies, i.e., company name, street address, etc. Agencies like the Department of Revenue, Office of the Secretary of State and Department of Insurance are adversely affected if demographic information is incorrect. Developing a shared data base, easily accessible on the State network, would benefit all participating agencies.

3.0. Statements of Policy

3.1. The ITPC, working in conjunction with OPB analysts and agency workgroups, will identify and direct the development of opportunities for sharing common data bases and developing common processes. Groups of agencies with common functions will meet at least quarterly to update these priorities. The lead agency is shown in parenthesis.

3.2. Agencies will define and incorporate common standards for systems development utilizing the State development methodology, LBMS. Joint planning and development procedures utilized by the GIS clearinghouse will be used as a model where possible.

3.3. The first group of projects directed for joint development

are as follows:

3.3.1. Developing a common shared data base for information on Georgia companies. Department of Revenue will be the lead agency. (Revenue)

3.3.2. Developing a shared State economic development data base. DITT, in conjunction with agencies and organizations such as DCA, Regents, DTAE, DOL, Georgia Power, OPB and the ITPC will conduct a needs assessment of policy makers, practitioners, and end users to determine information needed to support the State's economic development strategy. (DITT)

3.3.3. Extending the functionality of the FACETS system into the department of Juvenile Justice and the Courts. Department of Human Resources, in conjunction with DJJ and the Courts will conduct a Business Area Analysis to define functional requirements for these system extensions. (DHR)

3.3.4. Developing - a shared data base of education records for students discharged from Department of Juvenile Justice installations. Such access to electronic records would be a large productivity improvement to schools receiving these students. (DJJ)

4.0. Impact: Implementation of these priorities will save money and increase system efficiency. Most importantly, the State will have a means of establishing shared data base strategies.

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