Recommendations to Select Committee on Efficiency in Government

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1. Migration of state agencies to state data center
2. Leverage data centers for state and local government, schools and the university system.
3. Review model legislation to migrate free standing centers to the data center
4. Address GSD rental rates to assure entities receive benefits of energy cost savings
5. Use multi-state purchasing solutions to create better economics
6. Develop a long-term strategy for mobile computing inside state government
7. Develop a long-term strategy and funding stream for GIS as a tool for communication with citizens and increased government planning
8. Dedicated IT funding to retire legacy systems, and operations/maintenance for existing systems
9. Road map for IT development that is funded consistently with accountability such as benchmark
10. Inventory IT assets, including systems with life expectancy data
11. Examine IT in the terms of marginal costs, change budget structure to match
12. Periodic re-engineering for efficiency – improvements along the way instead of rip/replace at the end
13. Research incentives, tax policy that other governments use to lure IT businesses to them
14. Action plan for enhancing state cyber security
15. Cyber risk and security issues should be addressed and managed at the enterprise level
16. Review procurement process, use of best and final offers
17. Define the public-private partnerships for IT – contractors could offer some solutions if this concept was defined.
18. Increase customer service to the public through increased use of IT tools such as kiosks, e-commerce and social networking
19. Increase middle mille connectivity to increase access for rural MTs to dependable internet and state government
20. Examine the possibilities of utilizing cloud computing as part of state operations
21. Dedicated bandwidth
22. Establish requirements for project governance, via MITA or State CIO
23. Update the Montana information Technology Act
24. Examine CIO responsibilities and subsequent powers and tools to assure IT work is accomplished