

# The Legislative Branch Enterprise Architecture (EA) Program Update

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## Background

An Enterprise Architect budget was established in the 2013 Computer System Plan. This budget was to be used to hire a consultant to apply industry best practices to the existing Enterprise Architecture program.

## Status since last CSPC meeting

The Legislative Services Division (LSD) conducted a competitive procurement to bring in a contractor to launch this effort. The contract was awarded to Sabot Technologies and executed on January 9, 2012. Factors in the award included the depth of experience with state government EA establishment, flexibility of the approach, and Sabot was the most cost effective.

The Sabot Project Manager, Darren Chiappinelli, has begun the planning and initial analysis process working with the EA team led by Darrin McLean. The engagement will produce several deliverables including:

- EA Benefits Presentation
- EA Framework Selection
- EA Implementation
- Mentoring,
- EA Maturity Model
- Collaboration and Education Guide.

## Approach Summary

The EA Benefits Presentation will be delivered in March. It will focus on how the EA program will benefit the Branch and what the Branch can expect from the EA Office in the future. All members of the CSPC are invited to attend the presentation. Details of the time and place will be forthcoming. We are planning on accommodating remote attendance as well. This will serve as the general kick off of the EA program, following which the EA team will be engaging members of each division in the effort to establish and implement the EA processes.

The process of establishing an EA program is highly participative and communicative. The EA program that results will be unique to the Branch in its scope, nature, and operations. The EA team will be reaching out to the business to understand and validate their goals and objectives. The business foundation forms the groundwork of the processes and framework and will serve as the basis of all technical decisions in the Branch. We expect the project to complete by the end of June 2012 at which time the EA office will own and lead the continuing efforts to implement and maintain the Legislation Branch EA.