



STATE OF MONTANA  
Department of Administration  
State Information Technology Services Division



**CIO Report**  
**Legislative Finance Committee**  
**2017 Quarter 4**

**Exceptions Granted to State Agencies (2-17-515, MCA)**

1. The Department of Commerce (DOC) was granted an exception to the Online Electronic Payment Processing Policy for the ability to purchase a new module that will process electronic payments in lieu of using the state's electronic payment portal. It was determined that use of the desired software will not violate state security or financial policies.
2. The Department of Justice (DOJ) was granted an exception to the Network Security Policy for allowing state users to access internet addresses classified in the state's web portal system as online chat/instant messenger. It was determined that the chosen solution has minimal risk to state computers from a security perspective. This request will be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis to ensure no new risks are identified.
3. The Department of Administration (DOA) was granted a temporary exception for the State Human Resources Division's (SHRD) cloud products to reside on a public cloud. This request is necessary due budget constraints. SHRD plans to request appropriate budget in the next biennium to move the products to a government cloud. SITSD will work with SHRD to explore affordable alternatives during the current biennium. This temporary exception will expire on June 30, 2019.
4. DOA was granted an exception to the Online Electronic Payment Processing Policy for the utilization of Cvent, an event management software. DOA is the sponsoring agency of the State of Montana Government Information Technology Conference. Utilizing Cvent will provide real-time communication and report gathering which will save the IT Conference a considerable amount of staff hours.

**Information Technology Projects (2-17-512, MCA and 2-17-526, MCA)**

1. The Information Technology Project Portfolio Report, Supplemental Reports, and Post Implementation Reports are attached.

**Policy Changes (5-12-205, MCA)**

1. PRO-Information Technology Procurement Request (ITPR) Procedure (in development)
2. Information Technology Project Management and Reporting Policy (approved)
3. Information Technology Planning and Reporting Policy (approved)

**State Strategic Information Technology Plan (2-17-522, MCA)**

1. SITSD is drafting the strategic plan.