

**(Gov) Agency:** DOA Technology Management -- Small Agency Support

**Recommendations:**

**Paper #141:** Alternative 4/2

**Comments:** Internet helpers for small agencies. Not a big deal, but not a bad time to make the administration justify its big spending ways.

Alternative 4 would eliminate the additional position and another position that was supposed to be a one-year project position. (this wipes out a position that has been vacant for 23 months and one that was supposed to end after 12 months).

Alternative 3 denies the new position (which allows them to use the vacant one) and eliminates the 12-month position.

Point 5 sums the matter up nicely.

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Joint Committee on Finance

Paper #141

### **Technology Management -- Small Agency Internet Support (Administration -- Information Technology)**

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#### **CURRENT LAW**

The Department of Administration has a project programmer/analyst position to provide assistance to agencies for issues related to internet usage. The position, scheduled to end on June 30, 1999, is funded from charges to state agencies for their use of the state computer utility services.

#### **GOVERNOR**

Authorize 1.0 PR permanent position in the Division of Technology Management to provide assistance to agencies for issues related to internet usage. No increased funding was provided because base funding was not reduced when the project position was deleted.

#### **DISCUSSION POINTS**

1. On February 26, 1998, the Department's s. 16.505 request to create 8.0 PR positions for various technology initiatives funded from DOA's information technology processing services appropriation was approved. Of the 8.0 positions, two positions were created as one-year project positions to allow two existing DOA employees whose positions were being eliminated to transition to new job functions as the result of the phase-out of the Department's graphical design unit (WisComp). Authorization for these two project positions ends on June 30, 1999.

2. One of the project positions provided in the s. 16.505 request was designed to provide information technology assistance to small agencies and the other was to work with the advanced presentation and electronic report distribution program. These one-year project positions

are removed from DOA's base position authorization as a standard budget adjustment.

3. The Governor recommends that the project position that currently provides IT assistance to small agencies be retained and converted to a permanent position. The position is currently attached to the Division of Technology Management's Bureau of Information Presentation Management and provides assistance related to internet graphics design primarily for small agencies. In general, the Bureau assists agencies with mainframe computer laser printing, electronic forms development, electronic report formatting and distribution, developing graphical user interfaces and internet issues. While the Bureau has portions of three other positions assigned to internet assistance, the project position is dedicated solely to this function. The employe in this position has recently completed web sites for agencies a number of small agencies including the Ethics Board, Women's Council, Higher Educational Aids Board and the Secretary of State.

4. The Department currently has an information specialist enterprise network consultant position, funded from the same appropriation as the requested new position, that has been vacant for 23 months. The Committee could approve the Governor's recommendation to create the new permanent position but also delete the vacant network consultant position and associated base level funding of \$63,500 PR annually with the result that there would be no net increase in authorized positions as a result of creating the new position.

5. However, in the 1997-99 biennial budget act, funding and positions associated with WisComp were removed because the unit ceased operation. Subsequent to the elimination of funding and positions, DOA requested and received authorization for the two one-year project positions to allow two former WisComp employes time to train for new information technology duties in the Department. While the functions currently being performed by the internet support project position provides assistance to small agencies, it could be argued that this project position was provided expressly to allow for the retraining of an employe for a specific period of time and not as an on-going departmental activity. The other project position that was authorized under this agreement is terminating consistent with the original stated purpose.

6. The Committee could deny the authorization for 1.0 permanent position and, in addition, delete \$56,500 PR to reflect the removal of base level funding associated with the terminating project position that was not deleted by the agency as a part of its standard budget adjustments.

## ALTERNATIVES

*No* 1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to create 1.0 PR permanent position in DOA for small agency internet support.

*5/2* 2. Approve the Governor's recommendation except also delete 1.0 existing information specialist network consultant position and reduce base level funding by \$63,500 PR annually.

<b>Alternative 2</b>	<b>PR</b>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$127,000
2000-01 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 1.00

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3. Deny the Governor's recommendation for an additional position and also delete \$56,500 PR annually to reduce base funding associated with the terminating project position that was not deleted by the agency when the position authorization was deleted.

<b>Alternative 3</b>	<b>PR</b>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$113,000
2000-01 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 1.00

*#1* 4. Deny the Governor's recommendation for an additional position and also delete 1.0 existing information specialist network consultant position and reduce base level funding by \$120,000 PR annually.

<b>Alternative 4</b>	<b>PR</b>
1999-01 FUNDING (Change to Bill)	- \$240,000
2000-01 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 2.00

5. Maintain current law.

<b>Alternative 5</b>	<b>PR</b>
1999-01 POSITIONS (Change to Bill)	- 1.00

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