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**SUBJECT: STATE DATA CENTER PLAN UPDATE – JULY 2013**

As required by 43.41A.150 RCW, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) has updated the State Data Center Plan.

The State Data Center (SDC) Plan lays out steps and financial impacts to consolidate agency data center operations in Thurston County into SDC data halls one and two, and sets a strategy for the use of data halls three and four. The OCIO updated this plan in collaboration with Consolidated Technology Services (CTS), the Office of Financial Management (OFM), and state agency Chief Information Officers (CIOs).

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# State Data Center (SDC) Plan Update

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) has made the following updates to the SDC Plan according to RCW 43.41A.150. This statute requires the OCIO to produce a plan and schedule to migrate agency data center operations to the SDC.

- The state will avoid a net \$23 million in expenses over five years by only operating one central data center instead of two
  - The new SDC Plan will migrate 100% of the computing hardware in Office Building 2 (OB2) to the SDC, shutting down data center activities in OB2<sup>1</sup> by June 2015
- The OCIO, with Consolidated Technology Services (CTS) and agency input, will develop principles for agency migration to the SDC for co-location or managed services by October, 2013
  - OCIO is committed to working with individual agencies to ensure that migration will occur when it makes clear business sense to do so based on defined criteria
- The state will release its reservation on data halls 3 and 4 for data center expansion due to advancements in data center technology

## **INTRODUCTION**

The SDC Plan lays out steps and financial impacts to consolidate data centers into SDC data halls 1 and 2, and sets a strategy for the use of data halls 3 and 4.

The previous plan of record had been to move 50% of the OB2 data center computing hardware to SDC data hall 1 to relieve OB2 heating overloads, while continuing to operate OB2 as a viable data center. To implement that plan, the state would have to incur unacceptably high costs for operational repairs and urgent safety mitigations in OB2 to keep the end-of-life data center in service.

In the new SDC Plan, a net \$23 million in cost avoidance can be realized over five years by migrating 100% of OB2 computing to SDC data halls 1 and 2 by June, 2015, and closing OB2 for data center operations<sup>1</sup>. The complete OB2 migration would fill all of data hall 1 and 40% of data hall 2. The remaining 60% of data hall 2 is reserved for computing workloads from agency data center operations in Thurston County or other qualified tenants as soon as business benefits allow.

Due to advances in technology, the state is no longer reserving data halls 3 and 4 for future data center expansion. Criteria for establishing authorized use and tenancy of this space are being developed. A new marketing project will be launched to engage government and business leaders to identify innovative uses for this space.

## **NEW SDC PLAN: DATA HALLS 1 & 2**

### **Data Center Migration Strategy**

Central to the SDC Plan is the migration strategy for state agency data center operations in Thurston County.

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<sup>1</sup> OB2 may continue to operate as a network hub

The data center migration strategy is to help agencies consolidate data center operations to the SDC as mandated by RCW 43.41A.150, but in a manner that makes the most business sense for both the individual agency and the enterprise. This means:

- Agencies should continue to operate viable data centers during their useful economic lives
- Consolidating data centers into the SDC should occur when business benefits prompt a move, or facilities expenses or risks warrant data center operations migration and closure

The OCIO will work with individual agencies who are currently operating viable data centers to establish principles and timelines for when migration should happen, and may grant consolidation waivers if needed.

Closing OB2 Data Center Operations

In keeping with this strategy, CTS is taking the lead to close the OB2 data center. While the previous plan maintained OB2 for data center use, it has become clear that the cost to operate and maintain two data centers is not a wise use of taxpayer money. The additional costs of safety and operational repairs required to remain in OB2 give even more justification to move all of that computing hardware to SDC.

CTS provided estimates for both the new SDC plan and the previous plan of record as shown below:

Plan Of Record - Operate 50% of OB2 and Data Hall 1	FY 2014	FY 2015	Projected <sup>2</sup>			Total
			FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	
OB2 Operating and Repair Costs	\$13,295,685	\$9,674,650	\$9,964,890	\$10,263,836	\$10,571,751	\$53,770,812
Cost to Migrate 50% of OB2 Computing to SDC Data Hall 1	\$5,654,345	\$2,118,009	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,772,354
SDC Operating Costs, Data Hall 1	\$17,994,256	\$18,047,854	\$18,589,290	\$19,146,968	\$19,721,377	\$93,499,745
<b>Total Cost to Operate 50% of OB2 and SDC Hall 1</b>	<b>\$36,944,286</b>	<b>\$29,840,513</b>	<b>\$28,554,179</b>	<b>\$29,410,804</b>	<b>\$30,293,129</b>	<b>\$155,042,911</b>
<b>New Plan - Close OB2, Operate SDC Halls 1 &amp; 2</b>						
OB2 Operating and Repair Costs	\$4,953,185	\$4,638,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,591,835
Cost to Migrate All OB2 computing to SDC Data Halls 1 and 2	\$10,333,645	\$6,797,309	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,130,954
SDC Operating Costs, Data Halls 1&2	\$18,543,867	\$18,597,465	\$19,155,389	\$19,730,051	\$20,321,952	\$96,348,724
<b>Total Cost to Close OB2 and Operate SDC Halls 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>\$33,830,697</b>	<b>\$30,033,424</b>	<b>\$19,155,389</b>	<b>\$19,730,051</b>	<b>\$20,321,952</b>	<b>\$123,071,513</b>

Estimates in fiscal years 2014 and 2015 are based on the 2013 – 15 CTS maintenance level budget. Projections in the remaining years are adjusted for inflation. The new plan includes estimates of CTS costs to physically move customer agencies out of OB2 a la Carte 1 and 2 and into SDC Co-location, but does not include potential costs to those agencies for expenses such as project management, testing, etc. Agencies that cannot absorb these expenses may pursue a budget request in the Fiscal Year 2014 or 2015 Supplemental Budgets according to the action items in Appendix A.

The new SDC Plan will cost CTS \$123 million<sup>2</sup> through FY 2018 for operations, maintenance and moving expenses, compared to \$155 million through FY 2018 under the previous plan. This \$32 Million cost avoidance over five years comes from avoiding OB2 operating and repair costs for this end of life data center.

The \$32 Million cost avoidance is offset by approximately \$9 Million needed by CTS in the 2013-15 biennium to implement the new plan. The new plan will result in a net cost avoidance of \$23 Million.

<sup>2</sup> Projected costs do not include a la Carte customer staff costs for project management, engineering, testing, etc.

There is currently not enough funding in the CTS budget to implement this new plan. CTS plans to submit a decision package for the 2014 Supplemental Budget. The estimated \$9 million cost is still being refined, but is significantly lower than the estimated \$13 million cost to stay in OB2 under the previous plan of record.

Migrating Other Thurston County Data Centers

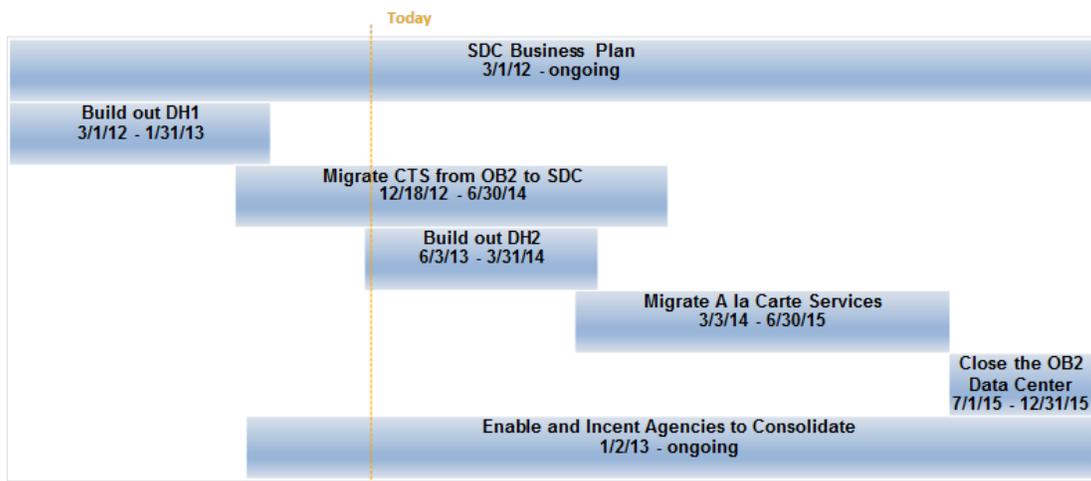
The OCIO will work with agencies to:

- Develop principles and timelines that will guide agency migration to the SDC
- Define consistent measurements for costs, benefits, and risks for assessing the business value of agency consolidation to the SDC

CTS is taking steps to increase SDC business value to agencies by offering flexible tenant options such as Co-location and Managed Services, described later in this plan.

New Timeline for Data Center Migration

The state will consolidate OB2 to SDC data halls 1 and 2 and close OB2 by December 2015. Here is the timeline associated with the new SDC Plan:



Key milestones in this timeline are:

Milestone	Activity
03/12 - 01/13	Build out data hall 1 to support CTS computing services (complete)
06/13 - 03/14	Build out data hall 2 to support CTS co-location services
12/12 - 06/14	Migrate CTS and CTS hosting services for agencies from OB2 to the SDC
03/14 - 06/15	Move customer agency computing from OB2 a la Carte 1 and 2 to the SDC shared environment or to co-location
07/15 - 12/15	Close the OB2 data center as is
Ongoing	Enable and incent agencies to consolidate servers and/or data centers as soon as reasonably possible to the SDC shared environment or co-location



Appendix A contains action items necessary to implement the new SDC plan.

### [Why Consolidation: Savings and Cost Avoidance from a Shared, Homogeneous Platform](#)

Moving disparate agency systems into a common data center is not the primary method to optimize costs. The primary method comes from transforming individual computing environments onto centrally managed or shared homogeneous computing environments.

The goal of our policies regarding data center migration must be to move as much of the state's computing workload as possible onto a shared, homogeneous platform.

Of course, policy should not force departments to make bad business decisions. The OCIO will work with agencies to develop principles and consistent metrics to help determine the right migration path.

To facilitate this, the OCIO and CTS are committed to offering competitive, flexible and secure services that meet a business case of broad use, uniformity and scalability. This array of services could include:

- **Managed Services:** Provider-managed homogeneous environments providing services such as shared and dedicated virtual servers, storage, networks, security, and email
- **Co-Location:** Space, racks and power for tenant-managed servers and other IT equipment

With more of the enterprise moving to managed services or a shared homogeneous platform, we can shift the conversation from consolidation to innovation, and focus on driving business value inside agencies and across the enterprise.

### [Funding Dependencies For The New SDC Plan](#)

The new SDC Plan is based on several funding dependencies:

- Use SDC construction savings to build out SDC data halls, not other purposes. These savings are not identified in the Governor's budget, but are assumed in CTS estimates to build out the SDC data halls.
- Continue allocations to CTS for debt service on halls 1 and 2 to enable competitive rates. These allocations are included in the 2013 – 15 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

## **NEW SDC PLAN: DATA HALLS 3 & 4**

Data halls 3 and 4 were originally intended to accommodate growth, so they were built as unfinished concrete shells. However, with current innovations in technology, this need appears unnecessary for the foreseeable future.

The state is pursuing other options for this space that would still be in compliance with the terms for building construction bond funding and applicable statutes. The OCIO will work with CTS and agencies to broaden the spectrum of use cases for halls 3 and 4 in accordance with its allowable use, and find creative ways to market this space accordingly.

## **FUTURE UPDATES TO THE PLAN**

This SDC Plan will be updated at key milestones throughout the data center migration process.

- March 2014 – Hall 1 and 2 build-out complete, co-location open for business to agencies
- June 2015 – Agency A la Carte computing consolidated to the SDC

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES OR GUIDELINES FOR CONSOLIDATION TO THE SDC**

With input from agencies the OCIO will develop IT policies or guidelines to prepare for data center consolidation to the SDC. These could include:

- Business drivers and criteria for data center migration, including facility risks and expenses, and opportunities to improve redundancy and resilience
- Goals for server virtualization levels, synchronizing equipment refresh with migration, and other ways to align technology planning, operations, investments, and consolidation

## **BACKGROUND**

From 2009 to 2012 agencies reduced the number of fully operational data centers in Thurston County from 29 to 14. These facilities vary in size from communications closets to full data centers. This natural data center consolidation in the agencies stemmed mostly from a statewide server virtualization effort to reduce expenses and prepare for migration to the SDC. Individual agencies achieved 45% to 95% server virtualization levels over that four year period, yielding savings from fewer machines to manage, redirected/reduced staff, and lower expenses for power and maintenance.

CTS is building out the new SDC located in the new 1500 Jefferson Building. It currently operates an aging data center in OB2 that is in need of replacement before important upgrades are required. The OB2 data center houses the computing workloads for CTS and numerous CTS customer agencies.

## APPENDIX A – ACTION ITEMS

The following action items are necessary to implement the new SDC plan:

1	The OCIO, with agency input, will develop principles and policies for agency migration to the SDC for co-location or managed services	06/13 - 10/13
2	CTS will define the rates and on-boarding requirements for services in the SDC	06/13 - 10/13
3	CTS and OCIO will work with the OFM Budget Division to identify costs, cost offsets, and revenue sources to support future CTS budget requests	06/13 – 10/13
4	The OCIO, with CTS support, will work with each agency to determine when it will make the most business sense to migrate their data center to the SDC. This includes the criteria or events prompting the move, expected timeframes, and the best migration path	08/13 – 01/14
5	Agencies will develop a data center migration plan with CTS based on the above agreement and begin managing according to it	08/13 – 04/14
6	Agencies that cannot absorb migration costs may pursue budget requests for the Fiscal Year 2014 Supplemental Budget	08/13 – 09/13
7	CTS will build and manage a master migration plan with agency input and support	08/13 – Ongoing
8	Agencies will begin migrating to SDC data hall 2	03/14- Ongoing
9	OCIO will finalize criteria for uses of Data Halls 3 and 4	06/13 - 07/13
10	OCIO will launch a marketing project to identify innovative and qualified uses for data halls 3 and 4	06/13 – 04/14
11	Agencies that cannot absorb migration costs may pursue budget requests for the 2015 Supplemental Budget, or in future biennia	08/14 – Ongoing