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There is another option for you to direct chat at somebody, and particularly for Angelos the presenter if you wanted to direct something to her, you could not use everyone, but use that. Sure. Thank you.

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Okay, so we've done our roll call. Jim. Do you want to take it away? Sure I was just waiting. Like I said, taking all commands from the tower. Their Angela. So thanks so good morning.

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Everybody welcome to our,

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our first virtual sub committee meeting what we need to do here is actually we have our February thirteen sub committee meeting meeting notes,

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looking to get approval of those meeting notes.

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So, if I can have someone make a motion to approve, such the notes, I make a motion to approve such notes that grid. Okay.

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And then all in favor say, aye aye aye, any nays. Okay. Meetings minutes have been approved.

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So with that we'll get right into our project,

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and we have two projects coming in front of us today for the tsp,

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and I'm going to turn the microphone over to sue from the side of the house and let Sue and team introduce the projects in the project teams,

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and I'll be talking about him.

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So sue. Hi. Hi. This is sue. London and I am the director of the and staff to the board, and it's my pleasure to initially introduce rich who is the oversight so.

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A consultant assigned to the tolling project enrich will give an introductory synopsis to the project, and then introduce the project team. So rich, take it away.

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Thank you very much. So, joining us today, taking feedback on current and planned management strategy is the Washington State Department of transportation.

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Calling back off the system replacement project team, including their quality assurance, and independent verification and validation representatives. Very briefly.

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This project started in twenty fourteen, despite significant mitigation efforts, focused on vendor performance. The go live originally planned for December.

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Twenty eighteen has had multiple delays as deal has appropriately prioritized a quality public user experience. overscheduled inherent project has been assessed.

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Red seems twenty eighteen. The team will now discuss their situation. I want to introduce the executive sponsor patio to introduce yourself and the project team. Patty.

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Great, thanks. Thanks for the opportunity to give an update on this project as rich mentioned. I'm Patty. I'm one of the assistant secretaries at the Department of transportation, and the project sponsor with us. Today.

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I have Jennifer. Charlotte is the project manager for this particular project, and she's also the director of systems and engineering within the tool division at the Department of transportation.

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Additionally, we have Dana McLean. She's from P. S. G. and we'll give you an update on the Q, a oversight and then we have Heather cauffland Washburn, who will give an update on the IBM.

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So, with that, I'm going to turn it over to Jennifer and she'll walk you through kind of what the project is and also provide to you the update of where we're at today from when we presented previously to the sport Jennifer.

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Thanks, Patty and good morning. Everyone so starting off with our agenda for this morning we'll do a quick overview. I'll give you an update on our implementation status.

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I'll walk through kind of our issue statement for the day and discuss our strategies, an action plan for resolution and then you'll hear from our QA and IV and V representatives and then we'll have some time for questions and discussion.

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So this should be, I think, a reminder for most of the, the board, but the project we're talking about today, our back office system replacement, our back office system is a core element of watchdogs, tool program.

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The system manages all of our customer accounts. It is.

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Our payment system, it manages all of our customer relationship management functions, our financial and accounting functions of the good to go told program our existing contract.

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That one that's an operation today was a bundled procurement that included both the back office system, and the customer service operations.

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The day to day operations of system, this contract is reaching a contract term and the back office system that we're operating today is reaching end of life. That's the need to replace it.

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Our new system will be has been procured separately from the operations of that system. So, the project that we're talking about today is specifically discussing the back office system itself.

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This oh, I had one more bullet on that previous slide. Thank you.

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This new back office system will provide the full functionality of our existing system, and also addresses several functional deficiencies and limitations pay points. If you will pain points, if you will in the existing system.

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And also includes several key enhancements so that we've heard from our customers that they've been asking for over the past several years.

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Next line, thank you so this procurement was completed and awarded to in June of twenty seventeen with a base six year term for that contract and options for an additional six years.

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It has two phases of implementation. And the one that we're discussing today is the first phase, this is essentially a replacement of all of the existing functionality, obviously modernized and enhanced.

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There is a second phase, which will include some select upgrades and automation and some options that were elected during the procurement for some additional functionality being what we have today.

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Next slide please. So, as rich mentioned earlier when this contract was awarded the original go live date, was December first of twenty eighteen since then.

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We this project has encountered repeated delays at our vendor while while they have made significant progress. And we're actually very happy with what we've seen.

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So far of the system they've struggled with maintaining appropriate resources and with schedule estimation, and adherence.

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So due to these repeated delays, and also more recently, due to some delays associated with Covent, nineteen situation.

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We feel that July this year is the earliest achievable go live date and that is that timeframe that we're currently working toward.

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So, given all those delays, there has still been significant progress made and so I'll highlight.

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Some of those quickly fast lane is the name of core software platform, and all of the development to meet the watch dot requirements has been substantially completed.

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We've also completed several sequences of testing the factory acceptance test has been completed as well as integration and commissioning testing. And most recently, our user acceptance testing has been completed successfully.

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The data migration effort, which is substantial from our legacy system to our new system is substantially complete. Obviously, there's still refinements, ongoing as we work through the remainder of the testing.

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But the bulk of the work is complete as well. The transition planning, the work to very carefully plan out the sequence of events that will occur when we transition from our existing system to our new system.

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That planning is substantially complete as well.

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The vendor was responsible for infrastructure built out and provisioning of our new call center and walk in centers.

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So all of the network infrastructure, the workstations and all of that, at our call center has been provisioned by and tested and is complete as well.

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And most recently train,

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the trainer training has begun so this piece of scope is,

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for subject matter experts to train our operations vendor leads and trainers on all aspects of the system.

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So that they can then go ahead and train their new staff who will operate the call center.

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So all of that work is completed next slide please.

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our main issue,

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as I mentioned,

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continues to be with schedule adherence has struggled throughout this project with maintaining resources accurately estimating their schedule and adhering to schedule,

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even with some increased resources that have been added over the last year and a half has been limited and their ability to increase velocity,

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critical path activities.

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I would also add that they they struggle with with completing or working through multiple critical path activities at one time due to resource constraints.

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They have continually struggled with under estimating that duration of time it will take to complete a task and with being overly optimistic in their prediction of

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activity durations and lastly,

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all of these delays have increased watchdogs cost to maintain our contract with our existing vendor to to maintain business,

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continuity of the good to go program as well as impacts to other projects and,

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you know,

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cost of our continued oversight of this work.

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Next slide please so what are we doing to try to mitigate for and resolve these issues?

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So walking through them,

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we have increased our executive level oversight,

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and this has happened,

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sort of incrementally over the last year or so we've increased the frequency of coordination across the board in terms of number of checkins,

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number of meetings number of subject matter expert meetings in particular,

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we have increased our executive level meetings that include executives from both tan and watch dot two weekly.

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And those were in person up until the covered. Nineteen state homeowners came into place.

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And most recently, we have organized a meeting with our vendor owner and CEO Jim.

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And Secretary of just to try and increase the pressure on each hand, and demonstrate the importance of this project.

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Next we've tried to increase the transparency of understanding progress on the side,

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and we've done that by essentially taking over maintenance of the project schedule over the course of this project.

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Since I mentioned,

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struggles with sort of basic schedule,

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maintenance,

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which left washed out in a position where we didn't,

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we often didn't have the most up to date information about progress schedule or schedule outlook.

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So we made the decision late last year to take over that schedule maintenance activity,

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meaning that we do all of the schedule updating and forecasting,

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and that's based on information that's provided directly to my team from.

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So all of you can leads in the various subject matter areas, report directly to my team, and give us those updates twice a week, which, which we then build into the schedule.

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The other, I think, really positive move that we made was asked to give us access to their internal tracking tools. That's mainly JIRA and

confluence tracking tools that they use to track their development and their defect resolution.

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So having access to that gives washed out. The ability to see real time progress against those critical path activities and use that to get a really good feel for where we are schedule wise.

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We've also taken over the ownership of go live and readiness coordination.

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That has been really helpful because it it does involve coordination, not just with, but with our own teams at watch dot our legacy vendor. And, as I mentioned our operations vendor.

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And we've also continue to streamline our own review and approval processes to try and make sure that we are never reason that a deadline is missed.

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So, in general, I think that a lot of those decisions and medications have really helped us to have a better idea of schedule.

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It doesn't mean that the vendor does anything faster but at least we have a much better understanding of where things are.

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So next increased Resourcing so,

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at our insistence,

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Tan has worked to try to resolve some of their Resourcing issues by contracting with a third party technical services firm,

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to supplement their existing resources that was to support additional development and testing resources.

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I think that that has had limited success, but there has been some efficiency seen through that, in addition lost has increase access to our resources.

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So our project management and subject matter,

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expert resources to help supplement some of work as well as just provide them access to us,

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whenever needed to bounce ideas off of us,

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or or work through ideas with us to try and streamline those efforts.

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And we've attempted as whenever possible to shorten all of our turnaround times for critical deliverable reviews to try and find some efficiencies and schedule there.

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we've tried to maintain a national industry perspective here from the beginning of this procurement while we were still writing the procurement documents wash dot worked with an expert review panel made up of

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agency leaders from across the country who work within the toll industry and other total agencies,

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we utilize that expert review panel extensively during the procurement process.

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And since then I have kept them updated roughly monthly with progress against this work and wanted to essentially keep them informed of our progress.

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So that when we run into barriers or key decisions, we can, we can ask for feedback from them.

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And most recently,

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we have a meeting scheduled with that panel where we're going to ask each hand to present their schedule and to get to go live and key risks and seek some feedback from the panel

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We continue to maintain quality assurance. And independent validation and verification teams who work alongside us and provide us useful feedback on all of our processes.

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Most recently our Q,

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a team we've worked with them,

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and with our partners to work toward a more frequent check in with our QA team,

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moving it from monthly to twice a month to help us have more timely awareness of issues and the ability to escalate those quickly.

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And lastly, I want to note that we throughout all of these delays, have maintained a good working relationship with our vendor.

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They, I think want to do the best thing for this partnership and want to be successful and want to be able to prove themselves to us.

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they have worked with us to come to agreement on some additional damages for delay in excess of what was in the original contract understanding that they have caused significant delay and caused some costs to the department.

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So, that was a very positive step. And in addition they've also agreed to additional daily damages when if they are to miss the upcoming go live date.

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So that's, that's been a positive move on their part and shown that they are dedicated to continuing and good partnership. With us.

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before we move before we move on,

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we do have a question from from Bush that he'd like to ask,

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and also to go ahead and open it up for,

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for board members to ask any other questions or comments.

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You know, let me ask my question early. You didn't really say why schedules were continually being missed. And my question is kind of a two part. What percentage of.

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Of the core system was customized.

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and the second one is,

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did you have slow decisioning because the,

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the most typical reasons for schedules missing is massive customization combined with really slow decisioning on design issues to do any of the those two apply here.

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I think that we did have significant development required.

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I would say,

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it's hard to give a percentage the core system and platform for all toll systems are very similar,

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but as,

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you know,

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probably know the doubles and the details and watch that has a lot of
specific requirements.

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And so, you know, maybe fifty percent twenty, five, fifty percent of the
system needed customization. So definitely significant development
required. And that has definitely taken some time. Okay.

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Then, when when this vendor issues an upgrade down the road, did you do
your customization in a way that you can implement upgrades?

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Or if you essentially built your own system, they, they have broken our,
our code branch off. So, we, we have a system that is specific to washed
up.

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Okay, and do you think that's a good thing? I think that it will allow us
it will allow us to meet the needs of our system. One of our customers.
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And contractually each hand is, is required to continue to maintain that
system throughout the life of the contract.

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Okay, I think it could be an issue down the road, depending on what their
other state customers have done.

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Because implementing whatever modernization they do to their core system.

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If that's an issue, because you built your own, you know, that's not a
fun party to be to go to.

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Again, we can certainly ask those questions of them.

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I I think that the decisions that each hand has made to meet the requirements that they agreed to,

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in the contractor are there and and that they still need to maintain all of that the and performance levels for the system in the future,

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based on their contract requirements just for fun then this should be my last question on this.

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Were there any functionalities that the washing state wanted?

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That the vendor said, wow, that's that's gonna be massively needed to be customized and you guys said, okay, let's back off on that one.

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Yes, okay yes there where we definitely, you know, one of the one of the.

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Earlier critical path activities that text was the requirement specification. Right? And we had a lot of those conversations during that time period. Okay. Thank you.

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Any other questions before we move on.

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Yeah, I got one who's represented banking real quick. Do you feel like this mitigation?

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But the increase an executive level oversight, the increase meetings as taking a positive step forward to reduce risk that we can meet the next deadline in this path.

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and do you I think that all of these efforts have definitely increased watch dots ability to understand the progress that is making and to better react and more quickly

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react to any issues that arise does does do any of these actions mean that each hand will complete the remaining work more quickly not necessarily.

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Right but but I think that it has done a lot of good and and allowing us the right transparency to make decisions when they're needed.

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And this is just kinda to add to that is just having the C.

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O Tam participating in these weekly meetings he's hearing our side of what we're seeing and observing, and he's trying to reconcile that with what his team is caring and sharing.

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And so I think that's helped him better understand the state of his company supporting this project.

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And I think that's where I've seen the most benefit is he's hearing two sides of the story, and he has to reconcile that versus just hearing his own team. Tell them everything's fine.

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Yeah, I've learned over the years that have that little bit increased it enhancement I guess, from a senior leadership perspective increases the priority on it and the workload.

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So hopefully you can eliminate some of those you mentioned before the resource inadequacies that they've been having. Yeah, absolutely. So, hey, Jennifer, this is Jim, so I was gonna jump in there after represent bank.

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He was done so, first and foremost, thank you for your great presentation here.

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Just for the teams benefit, as they mentioned both secretary, Milan and myself have been engaged and engaging with the E ten and it's been very direct and blog conversations.

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So we are hopeful that they are paying dividends and moving forward. I can tell you that Roger is very well versed and as well as Patty is the executive sponsor in those engagement.

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So, which is reassuring to see that we have the agency CEO and the trusted deputy. If you will that's running this project from the executive perspective. Very much involved in knowing what's going on my question to the team.

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However, and this is not necessary for Jennifer Patty but to the board, what we have here is really a supplier management vendor, management type situation.

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And and the question I would like to post the board is what could we, as a state start doing differently? Or maybe.

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Put some framework together as we look at future engagement with suppliers and vendor management to do things a little bit differently to help agencies out with these types of scenarios while it's great that we can put liquidated

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damages in play if you will.

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But there comes a point in time where that's a no return and you end up indirectly paying for them anyway, in your cost model.

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So, I not that I expect an answer now, but we do have a lot of expertise virtually around the table and I'd be curious to see what folks would think about what we could do differently as we look at a supplier management program moving forward. I know.

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This is an area that Senator Carla speaks to me often about as well. So again love your input. We don't necessarily need to do it now but I think this is the one year clearly in this in this project.

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Not through was dod's fault that we, we could do a better job of overall so end of my comments. Okay well, thank you.

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If there's no other questions we'll move onto an update from our quality assurance team. Thank you Jennifer and thank you for having public consulting group here today.

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You guys we're going to provide a Q a perspective on the project as well as an IBM and first ask Jamie to give that QA perspective and she'll pass it over to Heather from

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Washburn.

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Who will give an identity perspective Thank you.

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Thanks thanks, Dana. Sorry about that. My camera doesn't seem to be working. Let's see. So, overall we continue to maintain the project status as high.

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We are continuing to track significant findings in the area of schedule management, quality, management and procurement management.

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We are tracking four issues,

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thirteen risks of which for our low for our medium and five are high and no concern as Jennifer mentioned,

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we did take a different approach to providing quality assurance services and,

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you know,

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we are going to be meeting more frequently and we are also doing a revision of the log,

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which has,

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you will be seeing the a new log and the new report posted onto the dashboard sometime next week.

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So, I'm gonna run through the top five QA risks really quickly. So please stop me if there are any questions where we can take them at the end.

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The first high risk is, you know, the items on the critical path, such as the prerequisites required inter, operational testing training, they were falling behind without a current plan for recovery.

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This risk is really surrounding the tangibility to maintain the critical path activities.

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And this will be more known ones operations testing,

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our continuous progress what we are seeing from my QA perspective is that the development punch list items appear to be progressing and watchdog continues to manage the project schedule.

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So that's that's great. The second risk we have is the lack of adherence to quality standards and the timely resolution by E, hand and project deliverable developments.

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That can cause schedule delays with the potential to affect the critical path. I did want to note that quality does appear to be improving.

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But we are still wanting to see timely resolution for critical path activities, such as finishing all items on the development punch list and all of those operational prerequisites.

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The third item is, you know, with the multiple delays, and the go live stakeholders may develop lack of competence and the successful on time delivery.

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Again, this is due to the repeated delays that have been witnessed in the project.

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The fourth risk here is ethan's inability to maintain adequate resource levels over the life of the project miss has really impacted the velocity of items on the critical path,

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which have resulted in schedule delays.

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We are wanting to ensure that the town staffing levels are sufficient to support the required velocity to maintain the go live date.

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The last risk that put on this top five list here, and this was, as of last week was, there were the rest of the attempt.

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Resources may be overutilize, considering there is a, another project out of San Diego, the sandbag project that's going to be going live during the same time, period as wash dot. I'm happy to report that.

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This does appear to be producing an impact. That is due to the size of the sandbag project, which is much smaller than the watchdog project.

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So far there only appears to be two identified resource overlaps has provided a staffing matrix with alternate. If needed that has been provided to to watch dot.

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So that that is,

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you know,

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if there are any questions R,

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and we will be posting and updated restock and risk report onto the dashboard.

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This is much what's the what's the exposure to driving citizens with a is this impact the interface with our drivers is completely back office.

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we are,

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we are for the portion of once it goes live this well,

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impact citizens,

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once they're able to to use the at this point,

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it's it's more of an internal impact.

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Okay. Thank you. Can I ask represent Vicki on the resources?

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What specifically we keep saying inadequate research levels is there any specific ones that are higher levels that are still inadequate, or increasingly causing this problem throughout the life of the project?

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Yeah, it's kinda fluctuated and we've seen some Resourcing issues with project management. We've seen some development resources. We've seen testing resources, test manager.

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They, they have contracted with a consulting firm that has been providing additional staff. So that helped a little bit, but we see fluctuations of time where we're seeing the velocity.

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That's that's needed to maintain the progress that that we'd like to see again in the last couple of weeks we have seen a lot of progress and so that's great to see.

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But we are really keeping an eye on those critical path activities to make sure that they're able to maintain the schedule. The go live.

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Thank you. Yeah, so this is Dave Danner Jamie, is this just a case of the company is over extended?

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I know they've got projects you've mentioned California they've gotta go in in Florida, or are they just pulling resources away from this project? For others?

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You know, it's kinda hard to answer that accurately without having a greater detail of the staffing rotation. We have seen periods of time where we would've liked to see more focus on wash dots.

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But washout has done a great job at being very clear on the expectations of how to maintain the schedule.

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And once we saw a wash out, take over scheduled maintenance, we were able to have a greater insight into where those gaps were and where we'd like to see increased velocity to maintain the schedule.

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So, right now we were feeling pretty competent and resource plan and the plan forward, and any other impact to concurrently, go live projects and other states.

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But it is, it does remain a risk of the project that we're keeping a close eye on.

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Thank you.

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Yeah,

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thank you Jamie.

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So now we'll move on to an update from our IV team, handing it off to Heather Cough and Washburn.

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Hi, oh.

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Input test input.

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And you can see the breakdown of each of those currently by all five issues are considered top is one of the risks I'm happy to report. There hasn't been some movement since the slide was prepared.

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Our first is evidence, defect resolution and test execution velocity has impacted schedule.

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This has been true throughout my ten year on the project at the time this was written high and critical defects remained open. I'm happy to report those have been closed.

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The next should be ten staffing construct has resulted in the schedule slip is doing to conflicting priorities in assignment of personnel and concurrent activity conflicts this has also been addressed by QA.

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However, this, for me has been in relation to technical skilled staff.

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We also have development punch list items remain incomplete also happy to report that as of this morning the remaining items are in the QA status.

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So, development complete doing the QA process to ensure.

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Finalization of the s triple D incomplete document is in review and comment resolution and I'm awaiting and RTM update for non testable requirements.

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We also have the coded.

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Until I realized impacts to impersonal in person,

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technical training and operations test while this became an issue,

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when training had to be moved out to comply with direction regarding social distancing that has been resolved.

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They will be able to do training under those conditions. And we are still watching for any possible or potential risk to operational test.

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Although that appears to be resolves satisfactorily to complete those tests. The next is actually a preliminary concern that will turn to a risk in the next reporting.

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Period. Go live is scheduled weeks from the end of operational test. This may not allow sufficient time for resolution of any higher critical defects, discovered in ops test and that risk is based on.

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The experience of each has ability to resolve defects in a timely fashion.

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Any questions regarding these that would

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close my part of this presentation.

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Thank you, Heather. I guess we have some time now for questions. If there's anything additional, that hasn't been asked.

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Into the board, too is if there's any advice or guidance that, that you'd like to give the project, we'll get that in as well before we move on to alumni.

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So this is Dave, I just want to I just wanna ask the right now it looks like we have a July go live date. Is that still the target? Is that a realistic target given the, these challenges.

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That is the date that we're working towards. Now it is looking possible for July, but I wanna note that we have not yet entered the operational test sequence.

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So, it will be really important for us to understand how the first week, or two of that testing goes in order to gain confidence that that test can be completed.

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And any issues found remediated in time for July go live.

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Thank you this is this is much.

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After go live, you normally have what? I call ninety two hundred and twenty days.

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Valley of despair, you know, things where you need your, you need a lot of support. Does a vendor have the headcount to do that?

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We think so,

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they,

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they've submitted one of our deliverables as a post go live plan where they outline all of the resources that will be available,

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either on site,

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or remotely to address issues,

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all of our processes for issue identification and resolution.

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So, we think that we're well prepared and that the vendor is well prepared for that. Yeah. What's how many? What's the head count at that's affected by this? Go live the head.

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Count at that's working on the project. No, the headcount that's gonna use this app when the system goes live. How many people how many staff are going to be users of whatever, whatever it goes live right?

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So, staffing on the part of the operations vendor will vary, but roughly a hundred customer service representatives on average. Okay.

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What I'm trying to find out is how much, you know, sometimes your level of risk is the level of people that are gonna be your users if ten people were gonna use the go live, then that's lower risk.

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If it's hundreds and people, then that's high risk. Sure, absolutely questions about it, maybe good to point out that this system transition and roll out does include customer facing components.

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So it doesn't include the, the good to go website. So this will be directly customer facing for all of our good to go customers as well.

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Okay, and that's in the I presume that's in the hundreds of thousands, millions and millions. Okay which along those lines is Jim right now with the stay at home order and affect the.

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The number of customers is is down sure. So, in some ways they behooves us to try to get this in now and work through the bugs to your point with a lower volume, which should generate a lower risk factor. Yeah, you're spot on this is unfortunately a great time to go.

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Yes.

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Hi, this is Paul. I had a similar questions as well and one other question one question was if we're aware that there's not enough time from operational testing to implementation. Why don't we adjust the schedule before we run into that problem?

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And then following up with the other on the same other line is that we usually call this hypercare after you launch.

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And there's a period of time that you are taking care of the product and fixing whatever bug surface is your vendor to us.

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The key is, am I retaining the people that have been on the project to do the hyper care as opposed to the team rolls off and then some people who really work with the product are trying to hypercare it.

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That's where you run into issues post implementation. And so work with their vendor in advance to say that, I want to retain the people working on the product with me to support afterwards.

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That's usually not the way they would operate. But you can get them to do it that way. That's a great great point.

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And if you can't get the names of the superstars that really really know what what why that is done and get them on onsite for at least three months.

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That's a great point. Yeah, absolutely. Thanks for that.

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And so a question to the board, when would you like to, or would you like to hear from this project again?

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And we can do that in a couple of ways, either, have by having them come to a future board meeting and or do status updates to the board.

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Well, this is what I think I need to review as far as what the issues are. I don't think it was a good review as far as resolution. I think the issues are going to be with you all the way to the finish line.

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And if this is a relatively small company, and I have no idea whether it is, it's gonna be tough.

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So I'd like to hear, I think the state of Washington. Oh, I think we owe the state of Washington until look at this thing more frequently all the way to go live. Sue. This is I agree.

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I agree. I think we need to look at this and provide whatever we guidance we can use. It goes forward. Yeah. So when is our meeting?

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Angela Dina, we, we meet monthly, so it's June. It would be on a Tuesday because it's a full board meeting. Is it June? Nine th, Angela? Yeah. The next full board meeting is June nine. Th.

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The next subcommittee meeting is July fourteenth.

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So so we, we can plan to have the, the project check in again do nine. Yeah, I think that's a good idea. I think we should. I agree.

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We can do that.

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Great, well, what I want to, thank you for the opportunity to present and for all of your helpful feedback Thank you.

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Thank you very much. Thank you.

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Writing, and now we're, we're moving to labor and industries and the workers compensation system, modernization, or as we call it with some project.

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And I would like to introduce Amy Pearson who's the recently assigned oversight consultant for this project to give her synopsis and introduce the team? So, Amy Europe. Great Thank you.

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So hi and thank you for your time. This morning and attention. I introduced workers compensation system.

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Modernization program,

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as you mentioned,

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my name is Amy person,

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and I'm an oversight consultant with and actually have the privilege of working with this program as they,

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the initial procurement phase of this large,

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three hundred million seven to ten year modernization effort.

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The program is currently assessed red, however, the project team is working diligently and making great progress to address the concerns and conditions that have been expressed by the and independent. Q.

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So today's objective with the tsp is for the program to provide a brief status status update of the program,

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and it's activities they're gonna describe the some program,

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and it's component projects we're also gonna discuss the governance and decision making framework that make up this program.

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They'll talk about the highlights or excuse me highlight project, risks and issues, and then end with a presentation of their phased implementation approach.

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So we seek your feedback on readiness and approach to the with some procurement as well as other advice. You have to assist the program at this important stage with that. I'd like to introduce you to Randy Warrick.

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and the executive sponsor of the program,

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randy's going to introduce you to the team here with her today and kick off presentation ready,

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Randy was having some was having camera issues and some connection issues initially.

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We have done.

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And I can, I can get us started and hopefully Randy can join us shortly.

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She did indicate she's trying to talk. Yeah, she's on the phone, but and she's not muted.

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You're done if you can go ahead and get started and then and then hopefully Randy.

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To join perhaps, maybe by phone for the audio.

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Hopefully, yeah, she I believe she is on the phone. She's, she just typed up a message in chat that she's on the phone, but for some reason, we can't hear her.

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Yeah, she's, she's going to hang up and call back in. It looks like.

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So, I can, I can at least get us started. I am the program manager for the work.

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Some program brought in approximately six months ago to begin working on the with some program on the call.

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We have other team members of our program, and we'll talk briefly.

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About them shortly I can get us started on the program slide that Randy was gonna speak to up here.

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So, first of all, we wanted to express our appreciation for report. But before addressing those issues further. I wanted to start with some background on the workers compensation.

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And the wick, some program Elena, I currently administers over thirty different programs, for example, it's sick, leave, electrical permits, contractor, registration, Apprentice, ships, Prime victims, compensation, et cetera.

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So many more than just simply workers compensation.

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Our industrial difference,

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or workers compensation program is the largest of these programs,

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and we ensure around two hundred and eighty thousand employees throughout the state providing coverage for three million workers.

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In Washington. We clocked around two point, four billion dollars and premiums and pay out about two billion dollars per year and benefits.

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Basically, two thirds of the labor and industries agency is involved in workers compensation. So it is a very large insurance operation.

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Across the entire agency, Ellen, I currently operates more than two hundred, different computer systems and subsystems workers compensation uses a hundred and four of these systems centered around the large mainframe that was launched back in nineteen, eighty six.

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It is a highly complex ecosystem opposes numerous challenges. From a practical standpoint.

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It is increasingly difficult to hire it staff who are able to maintain legacy systems from an operational and plus standpoint,

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it requires many weeks of training for new workers,

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or workers compensation staff to learn the system and daily practice claims managers,

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have access to multiple systems.

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To take and record actions on a single claim, it requires manual work arounds, and still generates the paper in the past seven years.

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Compensation program has implemented numerous process improvements that have improved our outcomes for injured workers will also reducing longterm workers. Compensation costs.

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I well, over two billion and keep in mind, that's without the benefit of modern technology.

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So imagine how much better the outcomes will be when we have software that actually promote and assists claims management rather than hindering it.

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Alright, we can go to the next slide. Hopefully has Randy.

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People to join yet. Can you hear me? Yes, we can. Well, you're calling.
User. Labor is nineteen so I am muted you.

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Oh, my gosh. Okay. Sorry. Sorry little technical difficulties from my dining room.

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Okay, so I don't know where we are since I had to hang up. I apologize Randy. I went through slide two. So if you wanna start from slide three.

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Okay, well, let's let's jump to slide three so again, we started the journey several years ago, and as Don had most likely mentioned since I wasn't there.

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and I have a lot of computer systems many are outdated and most of our projects in our business transformation planned all require technology improvements in the last

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by any we completed an assessment to understand.

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Really? What is the extent of the problem? And how do we really set our priorities?

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One of the important things we did was really focus and develop an agency wide data strategy and governance system, and going forward.

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We want to continue to create a seamless experience for employees for our customers, and we wanna modernize our technology systems.

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And, of course, that's gonna start with our data and all those kind of key components.

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We also replaced our website, which was, which was about fourteen years old, and most of our users, and we got complaints all the time. They didn't look like it.

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It was challenges, which is one of the reasons we moved first.

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That that kind of mini project was a really great practice for us as a for and it helps us practice on creating and applying standards,

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governance and really applying our change readiness tools as you can imagine anything with the website.

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And what kind of user data should be on there, took took a lot of change readiness. So when you look at the slide.

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The agency wide column, all of those efforts, we're really build increasing our knowledge and building this really solid foundation for replacing a worker comp or that with some system.

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So, in the last by any, we did a ton of research planning, and then during the twenty, nineteen legislative session, we received approval from the legislature and that allowed us to kick off the.

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I work some program in late July next slide. Please.

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So,

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all that preliminary work and research really again,

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helped firm up our vision goals and intended approach and we really have anchored our program and all the projects within the program on our program vision,

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which is really making the systems better.

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So we can make lives better.

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We want to replace our existing worker comp, computer with a cloud based
Cox system that's designed specifically for industrial insurance, which
is our one of our core book of businesses.

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We want to use industry, standard software. That will enable us to adopt
and maintain these best practices for the worker comp, industry. One
question that comes up almost any place we go.

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Is do we plan on changing our processes to the software, or whether we
wanna configure configure the software to conform with our existing
processes.

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We are really strongly committed and focused on adapting all of our
processes to work with the software system that we choose.

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And,

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in addition,

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the business efficiencies that we're going to achieve,

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we know that avoiding this customization is gonna make it a lot easier to
maintain over time and we want to benefit from those updates of the
software.

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I do want to be really transparent. There are certain there were gonna be
certain aspects of our workers companies station in the state of
Washington.

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That are gonna continue to have unique features that we will that just don't exist in other states and where we are going to want to most likely, keep some of those unique features.

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And because of this, we don't think that the all commercial products is going to achieve everything.

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And so we do see some customization will most likely be required but we are really focusing it to be a small percentage of the overall functionality.

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Besides the business process improvement, we're also hoping to acquire a new software. That's a lot more flexible and sustainable overtime as our program evolves.

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We know that the worker comp system is going to continue to get different changes.

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We get changes almost every legislative system,

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and we want to be able to have something that really can be flexible and not to get into a similar state that we are in now,

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having this thirty five year old plus old system on our hands.

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So, we're really looking for that flexibility.

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Currently, I have a question, first of all kudos to you to try to move move processes to the new software. That's great. Is this I shouldn't be picked up product already.

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Now, we know we have not picked a product or you have not yet. Okay. Then my question doesn't.

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It's for down the road, thank you.

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So,

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one of the things that we want the new software to be able to do is improve our customer experience for our customers and providers and really trying to empower them with more self,

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help,

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easier access to information,

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easier trends and transition.

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And also, just improving our employees ability to really serve their customers. We wanna move them away from the manual processes and really get them to what they love to do.

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And actually what they do best, which is working directly with the customers.

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I'm gonna turn it over to Don Berkman,

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who's our with some program manager and she's gonna talk a little bit more details in,

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which will be able to get a better concept of where we are in in the,

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in the process as well.

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Done great, thank you.

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So, let me, let me begin by explaining a little bit about our component projects.

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So we started with just a few core projects, the business transformation journey that Randy described actually helped to identify some important realizations.

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That came out of having the different projects, being work through, for example, the website redesign project.

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So when we took a look at, what really would need to be successful for the with some initiative. We started by defining those few core projects and high level milestones.

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And at the end of last year, we realize that this initiative is was really too large and too complex to be managed in the silos of different individ, individual, segregated projects.

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therefore,

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we built a program management office to provide oversight and coordinate the activities of each of these project teams to highlight their dependencies to build integrated project plans to map out

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how we would execute over the next few years.

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This program office,

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which is less than six months old is currently working with each project team to define their scope and their dependencies while building out the controls that will be needed to effectively govern the program of the size.

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Of the five currently defined project teams that you see on the screen right now.

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cod's procurement is our most mature,

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and it has a dedicated project manager and project lead and project sponsor,

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but to take it to the next phase and build out the program we need to we needed further work to map out the gated funding increments and their end secure the required funds,

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so our budget was approved in February just as past February of twenty,

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twenty,

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and it required the cooperation of not only these project team leads,

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but also multiple rounds of feedback with and FM with our funding approved.

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We begin working on how to best disperse the funds while keeping an eye on the deliverables and ensuring appropriate oversight.

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And I just want to point out also,

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in addition to these five projects,

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we also have the program level governance built in here as and we call that program foundations and we also have our or change readiness component,

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integrated into each of these five project teams.

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So, we have two essentially foundation level, work streams that are integrated into each of these five.

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So, right now we are actively writing contracts and statements of work to further build out these teams. We're putting the controls into place and implementing our program governance.

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So next slide please so this is a high level view of our program governance. You'll see at the top there we have Randy work who is our executive sponsor?

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We have Joe Sachs Kim Contra Dave, Marty and Mike. reco representing different areas of our business technology and external customers in here as well as just agency oversight.

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Our program office actually digs into the details. This is the group of subject matter experts and project team leads.

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That will ensure that we are meeting our milestones that we're calling out our risks and issues. And these are some of the people that are on the poll with you today.

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So as you ask her questions, it is much easier to, to refer you to the exact specialists in these areas.

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For example, we have Brenda and pharma of our business and technical leads for those component project teams.

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Shannon sticky unfortunately was not able to join us.

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But we also have share young on the call and Jamie squid, belly Jones, who represent our project management oversight as well as our ocm or change readiness involvement.

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We have risk manager managers. I should say we have Brenda Banda. Hey, and Kevin Michelle, who work on documenting all of our risks and responding to our QA recommendations.

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We have any who make sure our communications are well integrated. Trent Howard, who keeps us on track with our budget.

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Heather, who looks at our HR needs and make sure our staffing is appropriate. Jimmy Wilson, who has oversight of our contracts and vendors and our program coordinator. Janine.

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So, the important things to understand about our program governance, is that it's not based on command and control. It's a collaborative

governance structure that distributes the responsibilities between our leadership groups and it allows for redundancy and areas of expertise.

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Both it minimizes a single point of failure.

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And it promotes engaged high performing teams with detailed rules and responsibilities in order for a program of the size to execute efficiently.

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We need to make sure that the decisions are able to occur in an appropriate timeframe that we don't have one body serving as the bottleneck for decisions.

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So we push eighty percent of our decisions down to the project team level within socialization and approvals.

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Eighteen percent of them of our decisions are are made at the program level and two percent at the executive level.

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Each project has a specific scope and define deliverables that are tracked via project and milestones.

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Next slide please, this dashboard is an example of the tools that we are using to monitor status progress and risks.

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It is a tool and our governance model to keep these items visible and available to leadership at the project. The program, the executive and our oversight of with and Q. A.

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so all different levels can,

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at a glance,

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see,

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where we are,

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where we're on track,

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what our path to green is,

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how our budget spend looks what are our top risks and what are our achievements this dashboard also offers visibility into the major deliverables.

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So each team has completed and managing these deliverables is a large focus of the foundations team as many of these deliverables are type closely,

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two things,

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such as release conditions or QA recommendations.

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If you look at this dashboard,

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you'll see that we are currently in a red status that aligned with our evaluation,

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and we have done work on what's what it will take to get to our path of green and so out of those three main project areas,

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the path to green hinges on our ability to allocate our funding.

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So when our budget was approved and the gated funding released in February, rather than handing over a large part of money to each of these workstreams, we are dividing it and applying it based on the deliverables.

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That need to happen in that in the gate we're in,

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and the next gate,

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so really evaluating before we write the US or w's before we look at how before we just kinda allocate money.

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We're looking at how those deliverables will impact the program overall. And what the conditions would be for executing on those on those financial requests.

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So, I'll just kind of pause here for a moment. This is a pretty busy slide, but it does I think, at a glance share, are our status with where we are with this program.

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Alright,

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so the path to green for our program as a whole is not only the approval of the funds,

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but it's the scheduled release of our,

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for our cots procurement project.

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This goes back to the earlier question of have we selected a vendor yet we will be selecting a vendor once we get our out and we get our bids back in but a few things are holding up on that holding us up on that

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release.

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Right now,

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most of those center around program,

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information program,

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governance,

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and being able to execute and and provide oversight the work,

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some program level governance,

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their administrative and operational processes that have been approved
and implemented are also dependent on getting us back to a state of
green.

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So, as you can see from the status indicators, covet nineteen has also
prompted several risks and difficulties for the program from diverting
resources to accessibility of our stakeholders.

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As far as our risks go,

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we have currently over one hundred logged risks in our risk log of these
sixty are active,

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and being monitored and thirty five of them having closed the remainder
our future risks that will become important as the program progresses.

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One of those risks centers on our strategic approach to the phased implementation. And that's what I would like to review and focus on next.

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You go to the next slide down to.

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Alright, so this is a very busy slide, but it has a lot of great information on it, but I'm not gonna take you through all the details.

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The key take away is that we are taking a phased approach to the implementation and the roll outs and so you'll see that with the circles there in the top, right? Or a project of this size.

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We were strongly advised to not wait til the end and attempt a big bang, go live and we agree. We have we actually reached out to other states with similar structure.

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And actually, I think, also, in Canada to get some good lessons learned from from their rollouts of similar systems.

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So, what we did is we identify three main bodies of work, and we call them phases, and we break these down into further, even smaller components and our plan. And so you think of it kind of as a modular approach.

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So, we'll actually implement the employer module, or we will implement the insurance services modules as we go through.

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Our plan is to start rolling out new functionality about fourteen months after we sign our cots contract, get our vendor identified and our implementer on board.

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And then about every eight months after that, we will have a rolling go live.

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For the next phase of our implementation,

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what That'll do is is it will provide for us this opportunity for continuous improvement and learn and adjust as we go.

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So at the start of each phase, we will be doing basically an evaluation. Then we'll move into the phase and then we will look at lessons learned.

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It will also bring our business business users along gradually and help build anticipation for the next set of improvements. It'll give us time to gradually phase in those business users and train them appropriately.

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Rather than trying to train the entire organization in one fell swoop on the new system.

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So, at this point, since this is where we would really love your feedback, I'm gonna pause and see if you have any questions for us at this point.

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This is Paul, is the that you I am here. What's Where's the data?

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Is it is all of the data already been moved to one place that's assessed or is it's still going to be in multiple places.

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That is actually a great question and a lot of the data will continue to reside in the mainframe system but minnows. If you are handy.

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G, would you like to discuss a little bit more about our data conversion strategy?

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I'm hoping he doesn't have technical difficulties as well.

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Hey, Brenda. Are you on the line? Do you want to chime in? You had me there. You are minnows. Great. Yes, we can hear you now.

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Okay, perfect good morning. Everyone, this is minoge and very good question. I think we are planning to do the phase implementation and today we have over thirty different databases that holds the worker comp data.

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And our plan is that we are working with our system integrator to come up with the data migration strategy so that we can consolidate all of the existing data sources into some kind of staging

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environment before moving it to the new core solutions.

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So, incoming month, then one Workstream, we would be focusing on doing the procurement.

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On the other hand, we wouldn't be working on those three activities on side to do the consolidation of data sources that we got today. So that is planned as part of system integration work.

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Stream that were identified on the previous team.

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Does that answer your question? And that's just my question. There's somebody out.

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I guess that I would be concerned that I probably should be a priority. The entire project would be to figure out.

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How do we migrate all the data? Whatever your system is going to be prior to trying to do other phases?

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Because if you don't,

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then you're going to either have data from multiple databases that you're going to try to keep in sync,

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which is perhaps not and the parking lot of impossible and create a whole series of new problems for you.

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Yep, absolutely. I couldn't be more agree that we have that as a priority.

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That is the reason we have a different theme project within the program to make sure that we account for those data related activities. Whether it is convergence.

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Legacy environment to the new solution, or getting the data back to the existing legacy environment during this phase implementation for next six years. So, we definitely that is the priority for us.

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That is something we are planning to do in parallel when on one project, as I said, we continue working on trying to get the right product and right implement are on board.

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But at the same time, instead of waiting for next twelve, fifteen months, we're starting our data migration related efforts right now.

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So, as part of it, and for the board, this is Sue lying. And again, we had had a conversation with the project and Senator Carlisle recently.

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And one of the things that he asked us to to do some further work on was was in this risk area.

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And it was two things about about the data, the plan that that is in place for the what's labeled the data migration and bridging strategy to look at that to see if that can be any.

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And his question was really around, are we getting to the most elegant solution that keeps all the data preserves everything?

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Is there something that can be done around that to get to ninety town, or something like that to, to promote.

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That addresses that risk and gets to lease cost and duration on that.

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And then I think the second piece was the overall the project, because there's risk and keeping that bridging strategy for, you know, a seven or eight year period of time.

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So look with the project to see,

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are there things that can be done to reduce overall timeline of the,

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and those two things we still have to work work through with the project,

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and figure out how we're gonna get that guidance for them.

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And Paul, this is Jim you honed in on the exact areas that I had honed in about two weeks ago, when we were doing review with the with L.

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and I, at the end of the day, the mainframe that they're referring to is basically this source of record for an entire ecosystem that's still going to be.

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And to some degree of existence, even after the cod's product is implemented. So our challenge really is is, how do you hone in on it? So we have a we're gonna have a data synchronization challenge. We're gonna have a mainframe environment that's cloud based.

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We're gonna have a cost solution. That's probably gonna be SAS based the quicker we can get past that data synchronization the better we're gonna be.

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And that's some of the stuff that Sue was referring to as well that will help shrink our risk factor. A tremendously.

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It's a great question. Any other questions or comments.

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Actually, this is Vicky from department revenue, and you guys have done a great job in terms of your face approach and laid it out.

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I guess I'm a little worried about how you can still remain nimble and flexible because you've got things siloed and as we all know, project centers are usually the case. So if you could talk to that, I'd appreciate it.

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Yeah,

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so one of the principles of moving this into a program,

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a straight framework was to help reduce those silos and ensure that we are encouraging collaboration across all of our different projects to that.

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And what we've initiated is the embedding of a customer,

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a business,

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and it and ocm or change readiness as well as a project manager and program governance structure into each of these projects.

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T, focused group working in a particular area as an example costs procurement includes many of these different components to keep that perspective on.

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For example, the business, lots of business input looking at the business challenges and then that information goes back to our business readiness group.

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So that we can stay aligned with the subject matter experts that would be needed to do piloting or testing of the work that comes up.

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Yeah, this is much. Can you hear me? Okay I got electrician doing some work here and he told me is about to turn WI Fi off.

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I would suggest that as an aspirational part of your RFP.

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You push as much functionality out to the customers as you can.

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It's called kind of giving your customers agency over the event.

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Otherwise, a lot of end up automating exactly what you've got.

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Yep, and you end up with very marginal improvements.

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We have a very well integrated organizational change management team. It's embedded within our business readiness. So we're going to be, do a lot.

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We're doing a lot of business process re,

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engineering assessments of our business teams,

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a lot of training,

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and really just relying on them to help us adjust to that change curve that I will tell you from experience and a slightly different industry,

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which was banking.

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We, we were able to collapse complete operational teams.

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Kind of thirty year legacy by pushing that event out to the customer.

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And once the light went on, everyone understood what we were doing and it just went, you know, we really got some mojo from it.

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Because you've got people who can be doing things probably for a long, long time. Yep you could push that function out to the customer.

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Yeah, exactly. It's amazing to watch. I know. Did you want to comment?

No, go ahead, Don. I'm sorry. Go ahead. I was just I was just gonna lean in and just kind of comment.

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It's amazing to watch our claims agents, for example, work on the mainframe system.

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Their fingers fly real fast, they've memorized the keystrokes and what we're asking them to do is basically stop that muscle memory and learn new ways of behaving and so it's going to be a challenge.

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And I think you're absolutely right that, you know, kinda pushing for that functionality to the customer to get them on board and feel like they're participating is gonna be essential.

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You know, they can't get on and say, hey, which this is the I just want to add something that with this initiative. We and I are definitely not planning to recreate what we already got.

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But what we are doing with this transformation project program is that we would be selecting a new way of flying and elsewhere as the functionality. We absolutely believe in self service models.

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So any, and every functionality that we can move, their customer don't have to rely on paper and do self serve.

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We are absolutely making that as our guiding principle we are working on a lot of activities that are happening now. So, I just wanted to reiterate that very good point.

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We, we are working on the direction to move the customers to the self service. The customer include the injured worker, the employer, the providers, the third party administrators, and so on.

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Thank you. Great. Thanks. Minnows.

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So, at this time, what I would love to do in interest of time is pitch to our to pitch to John Anderson, who is with our QA vendor.

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Thanks, John just take a few minutes on the QA dashboard that we have that you're looking at right now and our assessment in April, and just give you a little bit of background.

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We have been working on the wicks and programs since September and so we've been here six months or so, a little over six months.

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And we've continued to assess the program, you know, in a in a fairly high risk status.

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As you look at what we call our wheel diagram, you'll notice that there's four categories that we assess that are all in a, in a red status.

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We do a numeric scoring of each of the, these areas monthly and anything that's an eight or above is considered red.

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So you'll see three areas integration management, which is really that the work at getting the program established and getting all the controls in place schedule management.

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There currently don't have a, a schedule that a baseline schedule that they're working towards human resource management.

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There's still a lot of work to be done to get people in place in this program and vendor management. Lots of vendors that are gonna be.

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Working in this initiative and lots of contracts that you need to have a good vendor management plan in place to make sure there's consistency. And in a way in which those vendors are being managed throughout the program.

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So, a number of high risk areas, that still exist. Even with that, we did see good progress from March to April. In our assessment.

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We closed a number of the recommendations that we had open and primarily because of the work,

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that the program foundation work,

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that was done the establishment of a program health dashboard,

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being able to get the program governance functioning again with steering committee meetings,

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operational,

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and other program governance meetings in place and functioning as well as getting some of the basic controls around risk management,

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change management,

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human resource management.

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Some of those controls getting those plans drafted for those controls and getting them through the review process. So saw good progress being made during that.

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April timeframe, and so we actually did reduce our risk assessment program slightly as a result of that.

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We also saw good progress being made with the probably the largest project within the program the was released for review to the,

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to assess Q.

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A, we were able to come in on that. And then meetings have been conducted with and others to review comments and to try to get that our f. P. A.

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in a good position for release, we, we continue to identify additional recommendations as we move forward as the product as the program moves forward through its life cycle.

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That, of course, we're going to be recommending things that are that are more near term that we believe the program can do to reduce risk. At this time. We have about nine high priority recommendations that are that are open.

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We closed for recommendations this last period so just to give you an idea of the numbers that we have out there that are open.

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I think that,

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from our perspective,

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if we can keep the momentum that we saw in this last month,

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going with the getting the program foundation established,

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getting those controls in place,

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F. P. and getting to a release of that. I think that the the program is
on the right track moving forward.

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Do you think the is aspirational? I do.

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I do think that it's,

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it's,

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it's looking at it's looking at asking vendors to provide solutions that
are,

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I think,

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you know,

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not only aspirational from the perspective of this is where we want to
move the program.

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The overall workers, compensation program, but also, having them bring in
solutions. That can really solve problems.

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That currently exist within the, the workers compensation ecosystem. So I
think that they're there's gonna be a some interesting proposals. That
come back.

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I think you're gonna see a, for something as large as this. You're gonna probably see vendors partner together for a solution. These state workers, compensation systems.

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Elena is state of Washington is quite unique. There's only one other state that has a monopoly of kind of system with their workers.

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Comp and so it's not one of these areas where you've got a multiple installations of a system, assess system that vendor can bring in that has solved the.

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The industrial assurance problem completely, so it'll, it'll be interesting to see how vendors partner, and, and, you know, move forward with our proposals. Thank you.

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Any other questions,

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so John,

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are you through your presentation,

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or there's one more slide just very quickly on the next slide Don,

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if you could go there,

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this just kinda summarizes the,

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the recommendations that we closed in April we saw some again good progress on the program foundation side,

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so there were a number of recommendations that we that we closed in that area.

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We did open some new recommendations in in April that really revolve around kind of next steps getting that cots procurement schedule in place getting a vendor management plan in place making sure that

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as the as a program foundation controls continue to develop that,

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you've got the right people participating in that,

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so that there's buy in on the processes and controls that are in place across all projects within the program so continue to look at those kinds of things and and monitor the,

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the ability for all these projects to come together under a single program and function.

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So, that's it. So sorry, I wasn't sure if you were if you were wrapping it up or not, but we've got time.

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So, one of the things for the from the perspective is, we've, we've mentioned to the board before that that projects that start off wrong a really hard to get back.

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And so we've been placing a lot of emphasis and the team have been very responsive to making sure that we have that good, solid governance.

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And a lot of those,

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those early important program,

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office practices in place,

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and making sure that the project goes to the ready for,

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for that,

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things will be refined and continue to to move and grow over time and and
responsive to the phase of the project but a lot of early emphasis on on
readiness,

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and that's been a focus area for for the up to this point in time and is
really part of what will enable us to to feel comfortable with the
project moving forward with the release and

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we're moving towards that,

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but what I'm hoping to hear from the board are or anything that they
would like us to pay particular attention to,

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or for the project to pay attention to,

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as they move towards the,

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and and go through that process.

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Soon he says,

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I'm not sure about our process,

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but I just want to make sure that Elena continues to concentrate on
because you can't discount how much the impacts gonna be overall on the
employees.

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in addition a strong governance structure,

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which appears to have,

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because as they move forward with each particular phase of the approach,

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you're gonna get pushed back,

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regardless of trying to do stuff with customization,

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which will be a killer in the end.

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But they don't want to proceed, but I think that they've done some good
stuff here and look into the information that we presented here on the
right track.

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But just, I think, which said is don't forget the customer end, because
it can actually come down and invite you in the end.

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And I would just add to vicky's comment. That just making sure that in addition to what she said, making sure that you don't get siloed. Even though it's in a program structure, it's still easy to get siloed.

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And it really needs to work across the organization. And and stay in tune with each other is going to be really important and of course that the data pieces huge. Yeah.

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In my experience, I mean, no one can argue with vendor management and governance, but those are two places where dreams go to die.

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And if you've got an aspirational to amaze your citizen customer, your employer customer.

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You're gonna have to defend it every step of the way. Otherwise you'll, you'll just sink down into functionalities.

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Those are are all great points. I've been taking notes since we're going through. So thank you very much for your feedback.

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So, now, for the board, how often would you like or what's the next point at which she would like to hear from from this project?

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Certainly, the key is out and, you know, at some point during that, what kind of responses are they getting? Are they needing to make adjustments to the RFP?

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Because the community can't respond to, but they're asking for it would be, I think, a good point to hear back. So, are you saying the is out in vendor land?

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Not yet okay. Has as much as a board ever reviewed.

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I mean, I've been on the board a long time, so I should know, but as a board ever reviewed that's a good question as a board.

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I'm trying to think whether the board as a board has I know there have been situations where individuals on the board have. Yeah. Yeah. That's my recollection too soon.

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Would you like to because I have the time in between golf games I would love to.

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I think we should trust in Bill and I on what they're doing, but I agree with Tracy. This is Vicky.

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I think after they issue the RFP, if they haven't has sufficient amount of response for this concerned about the bitterness without sharing the names, whatever that looks like in terms of maintaining confidentiality but at least update.

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So, Randy, what we can do is work with you and budge to connect you to and make sure nda's get signed and all of that and any other board members who have an interest we can facilitate that. Yeah.

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Thank you sure sure. Yes. Here who, who just let me know who's interested and then we can work on that. Thanks to anybody besides blach interested.

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Okay. Okay. We'll make connections. Thank you. Very much.

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And so it sounds like the in terms of bringing those project back to the board. It would be somewhere in that the, on the street time, period, that we would have them back.

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I think that's what that's okay. Let's let's just make sure everyone's aware of what the timeframe was that I was looking to have that on the street so yeah.

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Yeah, if if, when you send the RFP to Paul, and I, if you put a date on there, it says, if you don't if you don't give us any suggestions by this date, it would be too late. I'm totally okay.

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With that, because we don't want to slow up the process.

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Okay, so it sounds like so we'll have it.

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We'll schedule work some based on the schedule,

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but in terms of next month's meeting,

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we will have pulling come back and we have already invited link to come and talk to us about deployment group,

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three and their status and moving forward.

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And we will also have one Washington back.

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Right. And then we have a few other items for you. It's a full board meeting currently scheduled for three hours, but we will have those, those projects come. And and then we've run out of time for the biannual report.

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So, we'll either a table that permanently or, you know, see where we can slot it in on a, on a future meeting.

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And then Angela and Jim turning it back to you.

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Okay, if we're not gonna do Cammie's report, then I think that was her last agenda item. Is that correct? Angela.

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That's correct, well, I haven't seen anything from a public comment requests, so one last chance anyone else for public comment.

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Okay not seeing anybody speak up or type in the chat message. So we're gonna go ahead then and conclude and adjourn. Today's meeting. Thank you everybody for participating as you can imagine these are two significant projects.

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The project is our second largest in and spend if you go out to the dashboard right now. So, we're very keen to making it extremely successful in getting to the objectives that Elena needs to get to.

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So, with that, we'll see everybody next month. Stay healthy, stay safe. It's government says, wash your hands and take care everybody. Thank you. Thank you.

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Thank you.