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Data Warehouse Complete

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has announced that the New Data Warehouse is now complete. Implementation of a new Enterprise Data Warehouse is one of the many steps to successfully implement the JIS Roadmap.

At the request of the Data Management Steering Committee, support for Hyperion and Brio, the software which ran the old data warehouse, has been extended through the end of January to allow courts the time to run year-end reports. On January 31, Hyperion and Brio will be shut off.

The DMSC has also asked AOC to enhance security of the warehouse by limiting access to only those employees that have been designated by their court clerk or administrator. This change will become active on January 31, 2009.

Courts have been asked to provide a list of the employees they would like to have access.

Users are finding that Business Objects XI (BOXI) is more intuitive than Hyperion and Brio. BOXI allowed for a great amount of customization during the implementation process. AOC employees were able to input more detailed descriptions to guide the user and customize field names to coincide with the language courts use every day, making it easier for users to navigate the system.

Because BOXI is configured differently than Hyperion and Brio, similar queries may return slightly different information; however the new warehouse is the official repository, and should be considered the correct version.

Moving Forward with “Modernize and Integrate”

At the direction of the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC), the Administrative Office of the Courts has contracted with a vendor, Ernst and Young, to analyze the current capabilities of the JIS systems and how they are supported

within ISD, define the desired future for JIS with the guidance of the JISC, and create a detailed plan on how to achieve that future state.

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In June 2008, the JISC instructed AOC to move forward with planning a strategy to modernize and integrate the Judicial Information System (JIS). This strategy will rely on updating and reusing the systems to provide new functionality without replacing the current systems.

The strategy is also intended to address the two priority business challenges identified in April 2008 at the JISC retreat: courts require new functionality to address changing business needs; and redundant data entry is driving higher court costs and workloads.

The vendor will begin their engagement with a discovery phase. This will include review of JIS systems and related documentation, and interviews with members of the Judicial Information System Committee, AOC leadership, and ISD employees. These interviews will help inform the desired future vision for the JIS which will then be presented to the JISC to be approved, or amended.

Once the future state is determined, the vendor will work on a plan to guide ISD through the transformation to the future state. This plan will include: a Business Plan articulating ISD's desired future state and what will be required to achieve it; an Information Technology Strategy which will help prioritize initiatives previously identified by JISC as essential to moving forward including enterprise architecture and master data

management; and an Operational Plan which will outline key activities for ISD to complete to successfully achieve the desired future state.

Ernst and Young will take into consideration the needs of the courts throughout the engagement, and give priority to projects that will directly benefit the courts when making their recommendations.

Once these plans are complete, the JISC will make the decision whether to carry out the transitional plan, or to move in a different direction.

A simultaneous project has begun with Sierra Systems, to complete the establishment of the Project Management Office within ISD including creating the processes by which enhancements are requested, assessed and approved.

Sierra Systems will be working with Ernst and Young to ensure that the results of the projects are compatible with each other.

2009 JISC Meeting Schedule

- February 27, 9:00am - 12:30pm
- April 24, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- June 26, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- August 14, 9:00am - 12:00pm
- October 23, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- December 4, 9:00am - 1:00pm

The JISC meets at AOC's SeaTac offices. Meeting times and dates are subject to change. For an updated schedule please see the Washington Courts Website, www.courts.wa.gov.