

Meeting Notes

Special Program Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 11/02/10

Time: 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location: EBS Conference Room



Portland Housing Bureau Special Presentation

A special PAC meeting was held to discuss the Portland Housing Bureaus' request for review their system needs. The PHB inherited an incomplete implementation of Mitas which is currently hosted by PDC. IGA for this hosting expires June 30, 2011. PDC will replace Mitas by September 30, 2011. The need for valid data with integrity and accuracy has caused this urgency to upgrade their system. One time funding for reimplementaiton is available this fiscal year. PHB has considered different solutions and these vendors meet those requirements: SAP, Mitas, and HDS.

Discussion

A discussion took place concerning SAP. PHB are not sure which pieces of SAP will meet their needs. It was bought up that the extra work for EBS would push MSS back. Integration work would need to be done. At the time of this meeting discussions were also taking place with SAP representatives regarding cost estimates, time lines, effort to do the work (resources) plus software costs. The PAC wanted to know more information such as: SAP timeline, return on investment, can the users of housing survive until later, what would be the prioritization of work for EBS, cost information. The PAC stated if SAP responds with more information then the PAC could make a final decision based on the new information via an email poll instead of arranging another special meeting.

Follow up after the meeting (11-3-10)

A few days after the meeting, upon receiving a response from SAP, an email update was sent to the PAC members. The email stated information was received from SAP regarding our request to analyze the business requirements for the Housing Bureau system replacement. They indicated a solution within SAP would be significantly complex and require custom development work. This custom work would increase the cost of the effort.

After discussions between Bruce Theurer and Rich Goward, Jr. and based on this information, we plan to continue to the ESC for their review with a recommendation that the Housing Bureau should pursue a non-SAP solution. It was noted that with this proposal is an expectation that in the future there will be the need to develop interfaces between SAP and any system that is implemented by PHB similar to what they have today.