

## **IT Optimization Initiative**

The current design of our IT environment is not sustainable: the structure is decentralized and duplicative.

The IT spend for FY12 was more than \$830 million, which covered the annual budget of more than 5,000 servers in more than 30 data centers and more than 1,600 applications. (Of these applications, 20% are more than 10 years old and 54% are more than five years old.)

The current State of Ohio IT structure has:

- aging legacy systems (10-20 years old), which are more expensive to maintain;
- 14 separate statewide networks, with a \$53M annual contract spend;
- 2,500 IT professionals supporting duplicative IT functions; and
- 32% of IT workforce eligible for retirement.

Our IT Optimization objectives will allow us to improve the services that State government delivers to its citizens and businesses, while increasing efficiencies and decreasing redundancy and duplication. All of these changes will produce cost savings for the State as an enterprise (which will benefit all Agencies).

These objectives include:

- Achieve resource savings through economies of scale and the elimination of duplicative activities.
- Improve the IT business decision-making process.
- Leverage savings to innovate, modernize, and continually upgrade through the reinvestment of funds.
- Provide enhanced solutions delivery to both internal customers and the citizenry of the State.
- Improve security of the State's mission critical systems and constituent information.
- Standardize technology use, procurement, and contracting.
- Effective use of IT professionals.
- Align enterprise applications with business goals.
- Reduce consultant spend.

Our IT Transformation strategy focuses on simplifying the infrastructure, as such a formula will reduce costs and provide a foundation for common enterprise applications and solutions. The strategy will also expand the use of enterprise applications which will facilitate integrating disparate data sources. This integration of data will greatly improve State services, service delivery and enhance policy making.

The IT Transformation initiative will bring the focus on the enterprise. By combining our resources and concentrating on nine distinct functional areas (listed in the chart at the end of this document), multi-agency work teams will develop plans that will support the transformation of IT infrastructure for the State of Ohio.

The following lists contain the teams and personnel who are creating the plans for the IT Transformation:

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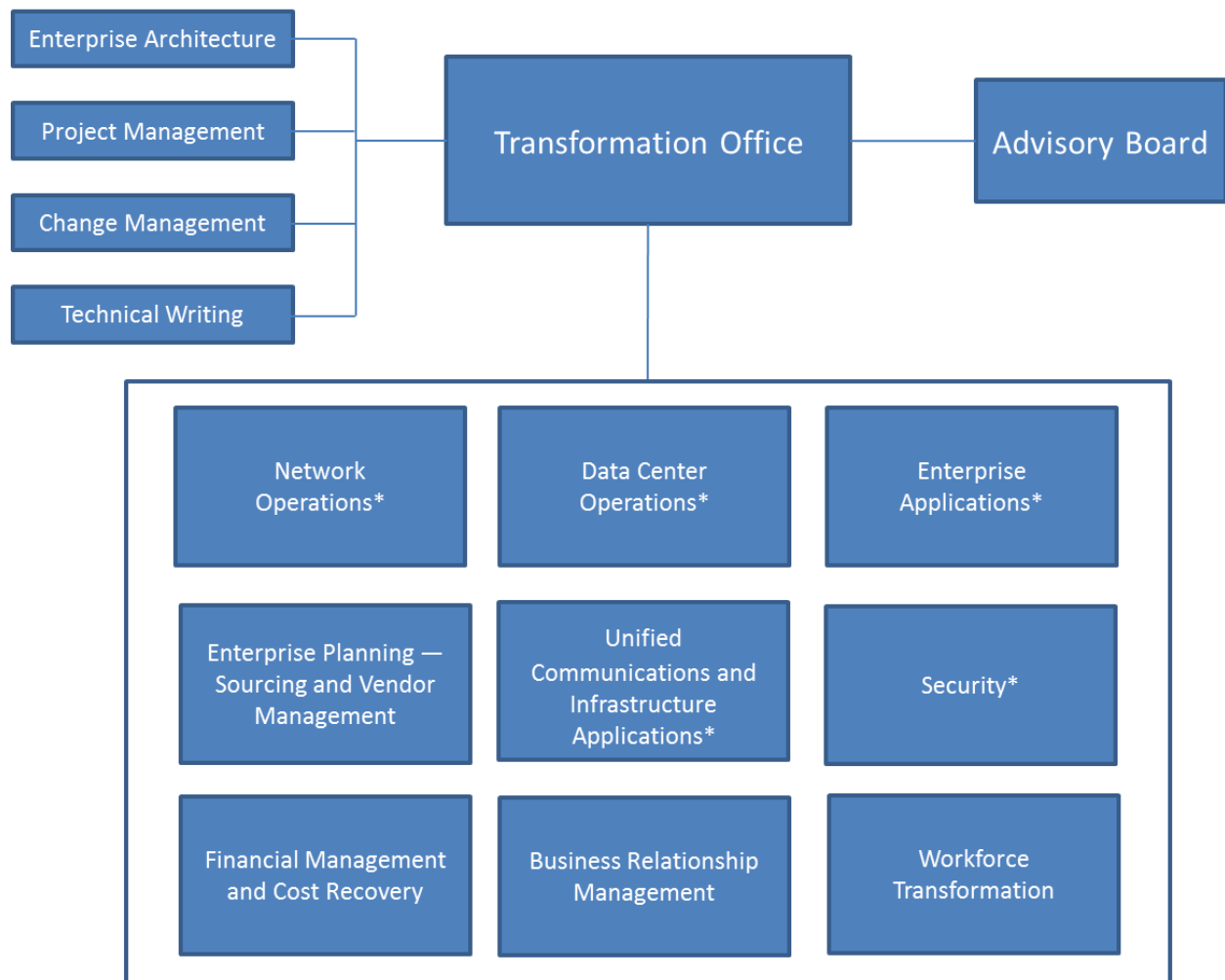
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The following chart describes the structure of the Executive Governance Committee, which is currently gathering data to create a new IT infrastructure.

These groups are comprised of personnel from multiple state agencies, and have been working on this project since January 2013, and are making progress on building plans to support transformation efforts.

## Executive Governance Committee



Please visit the [IT Optimization web site](#) to view a PDF of the “snapshot” of information regarding the IT Transformation initiative.

All staff can access this site at <http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/InformationTechnology/ITOptimization.aspx>.

We hope you will send us your questions about this transformation by contacting us at [IT.Transformation@ohio.gov](mailto:IT.Transformation@ohio.gov).

Thank you for your time and your support.

Sincerely,  
The IT Transformation Office

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