

State of Arizona - DES

Informational Update

October 2024



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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**Agency Mission** 

To strengthen individuals, families and communities for a better quality of life



## Project Team Introduction

#### Roles Present at ITAC

- Mark Darmer ADES Chief Information Officer
- Anna Hunter Assistant Director of ADES DERS
- Dennis Espeland RSA Modernization Project Manager

### **Project Status**



#### Description of Project - Vocational Rehabilitation System Replacement

- Replaces a sunsetted application that was implemented in 2009
- Provides a much easier and intuitive application for users
- Utilizes third-party cloud based infrastructure and support
- Significantly improves federal reporting

#### Why we are returning: Status Update

- The Contractor (CMSuite) is behind schedule and the original Go-Live Date of 10/1/24 is now unachievable
- CMSuite proposed multiple schedule alternatives, but to date has not met the criteria necessary to start User Acceptance Testing. Without this, a new Go-Live date for the project cannot be determined.
- DES will return to ITAC for Change Request once a new schedule is solidified. The Department anticipates submitting the Change Request to ASET to be included in the November 2024 ITAC agenda.

#### Updates

- DES criteria for entry into User Acceptance Testing:
  - High priority defect count below 10 (Reduced from 100 to 38)
  - All Functionality Delivered (10 outstanding items)
  - Top 20 Correspondence Templates Delivered (20 delivered, but defects identified)

# **Original Project Timeline**









# Project Health Card Overall Project Health is Red

Schedule	<ul> <li>Original Go Live October 1, 2024</li> <li>Proposed Go Live is July 1, 2025</li> </ul>
Milestones	<ul> <li>4 Deliverables are past Due</li> <li>Original UAT Start was April 1, 2024</li> <li>Proposed UAT Start Date is November 1, 2024</li> </ul>
Budget	<ul> <li>\$1,839,092 Spent to Date</li> <li>\$ 442,327 Budget Remains</li> <li>Budget increase request is for the timeline extension, 3rd party software and enhancements</li> </ul>
Risks	<ul> <li>Vendor past performance</li> <li>Demand for Assurance Letter issued and Vendor response received</li> </ul>
Issues	<ul> <li>Schedule is currently 6 months behind</li> <li>DERS/RSA and CMSuite have agreed upon a new schedule pending ITAC approval in November, 2024. UAT is planned to start on November 1, 2024 and Go-Live targeted for July 1, 2025</li> </ul>

# **Project Informational Update**



#### Based on Current Financials:

Development Budget	\$2,585,000.00
Operational Budget	\$4,190,149.64
Total Approved Budget	\$6,775,149.64
Development Expenditures to Date	\$1,839,092.00
Remaining Development Budget	\$745,908.00
Development % Spent to Date	71.14%

Q & A Session