

# Information Technology Authorization Committee

## Project Review

April 27, 2016

### Action Item

**Agency:** Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)  
**Project Name:** WyCAN Consortium  
**Project Number:** DE16009  
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The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS) currently utilizes outdated mainframe applications to support unemployment benefit related services. The current system does not provide the needed functionality and management capabilities needed for efficient processing of benefit claims or employer taxes. Mainframe system operating expenses can be high, and available resources with the technical skills needed to support the current environment are limited.

DES is part of a multi-state consortium formed in 2012 which identified and documented requirements for a new, hosted Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution to eliminate the expense of mainframe processing and to improve resource productivity. This SaaS solution would allow the State to exit the mainframe platform model. This would give the State greater flexibility to meet changing federal standards. The new system will model an existing solution implemented in multiple states which meets approximately 80% of Arizona's requirements. Implementation will be carried out in a phased approach in order to allow for customization to satisfy the State's remaining requirements.

The project is federally funded in its entirety by a United States Department of Labor grant. Wyoming has been appointed the principle state, and will manage fiscal and contractual responsibilities.

#### Motion Options:

- ITAC Approval:**
- ITAC Conditional Approval:**
- ITAC Disapproval:**