

Information Technology Authorization Committee

Project Review

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Action Item

Agency: Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS)
Project Name: Child Protective Service IT Modernization
Project Number: CH15002
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The Children's Information Library and Data Source (CHILDS) is the management information system used to document the status, demographics, location and outcomes for every child in the care of ADCS. The system assists with various business processes including hotline intake, initial assessments and investigations, case management, adoptions, eligibility determinations, staff management, provider management and payment processing. CHILDS was developed for the Arizona Department of Child, Youth, and Family Services to exchange information between various State and Federal information systems. Implemented in 1997, the system runs on a Mainframe, is resource intensive and costly to manage and maintain.

In September of 2014, Pre-PIJ CH15002 was approved to issue the planning RFP and the implementation RFP. DCS issued the planning RFP and hired a vendor to, under a separate PIJ (CH15004), document the requirements to replace the CHILDS system with a new, supported system, and complete a cost benefit analysis, alternatives analysis and feasibility study which are required as attachments to the Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) submission for Federal cost sharing approval. PIJ CH15004 was closed after completion and acceptance by DCS of business and technical requirements, cost benefit analysis, alternatives analysis and feasibility study, which were integrated back to Pre-PIJ CH15002 for the creation of multiple implementation RFPs that will support a phased implementation approach. The results of the CH15004 project expanded the scope of the CH15002 project resulting in a change request, which was submitted and approved in December 2015 to create the IAPD document needed for Federal cost sharing approval.

With this current amendment (CH15002 CHG04), DCS is proposing to extend the vendor engagement and increase the scope to include coordination activities between the State and Federal entities such as the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), complete the remaining RFPs and related documentation that align with the recommendations presented in the feasibility study (CH15004), and maintain the current CHILDS replace roadmap and schedule.

As the item being discussed today is in Pre-PIJ status, no technology changes are being implemented. As each RFP of the program is issued and awarded, a program PIJ will be created with the detailed costs and technical scope of the project.

Motion Options:

ITAC Approval:

ITAC Conditional Approval:

While Request for Proposals (RFP) can be issued for the proposed solution, the Agency may not award a contract or proceed with further development efforts until a full PIJ reflecting the final costs, scope of work, technology, and implementation schedule for the proposed solution has been submitted to ADOA-ASET for review and approval.

ITAC Disapproval: