

Information Technology Authorization Committee

Project Review

July 27, 2016

Informational Item

Agency: Arizona State Retirement System

Project Name: ASRS Benefits Disbursement Project

Project Number: RT15003

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Since 1999, the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) has utilized a third-party vendor to administer the benefits disbursement process. In 2001, ASRS started participating in an annual pension benefit administration benchmarking study. Results from the February 2012 study indicated that ASRS benefits disbursement costs were significantly greater than similar sized public pension funds. The reason for this pointed toward the current reliance on a third-party vendor for disbursement services.

On April 22, 2015, ITAC reviewed this PIJ (RT15003), to migrate electronic funds transfer functions to the State's current banking partner, and to move more of the back office functions in-house. ITAC approved the project with the condition "**ASRS shall provide an informational update to ITAC regarding the status of the project on an annual basis, or as otherwise requested.**" ASRS is here today to provide the first annual update on the project.

As the item being discussed today is an informational item, there will be no motion for Approval, Approval with conditions, or Disapproval.

Motion Options:

None: Informational Item Only