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**Recommendations on Technology Investments  
for the FY2007-2009 Biennium**

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# Introduction

This document contains the Nebraska Information Technology Commission's ("NITC") recommendations on technology investments for the FY 2007-2009 biennium. It is submitted pursuant to the NITC's statutory responsibility to "make recommendations on technology investments to the Governor and the Legislature, including a prioritized list of projects, reviewed by the technical panel, for which new or additional funding is requested..." NEB. REV. STAT. §86-516(8).

This biennium, the NITC received 17 project proposals from agencies to be reviewed as part of the budget review process.\* Each project was reviewed and scored by three individual reviewers assigned by the Technical Panel. Submitting agencies were then given the opportunity to submit a response to the reviewer comments or other clarifying information.

Next, the projects were reviewed by either the State Government Council or Education Council, and the Technical Panel. These groups provided additional comments and recommendations on the projects.

Finally, the NITC met on November 1, 2006 to review these projects and make the final recommendations included in this report.

This report contains the following three sections:

- **Section 1** includes a table with the list of projects divided into categories as recommended by the NITC.
- **Section 2** includes specific comments and recommendations by the NITC for some projects.
- **Section 3** includes the summary sheets for all of the projects, including comments and recommendations from the councils and Technical Panel, as well as the agency response to reviewer comments.

A copy of this report and the full text of the project proposals are posted on the NITC website at: <http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/reports/>

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\* Two projects from the Health and Human Services System (25-01 and 25-02) were received after the initial review and scoring process was completed. The summary sheets for these projects will be updated with additional information after the reviews have been completed by the Technical Panel on November 22, 2006. A revised version of this document will be posted at: <http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/reports/>.  
(NOTE: This document was updated on November 27, 2006 to include this additional information.)

## SECTION 1: NITC Recommendations - Project Prioritization

Category	Description
Mandate	Required by law, regulation, or other authority.
Tier 1	Highly Recommended. Mission critical project for the agency and/or the state.
Tier 2	Recommended. High strategic importance to the agency and/or the state.
Tier 3	Other. Significant strategic importance to the agency and/or the state; but, in general, has an overall lower priority than the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects.
Tier 4	Insufficient information to proceed with a recommendation for funding.

Project #	Agency	Project Title	FY2007-08	FY2008-09	Total Project Costs
<b>Mandate</b>					
25-01	HHSS	New Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)			\$50,000,000
47-04	NET	Final DTV Transmitter Conversion Project	\$ 147,650	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 2,641,450
<b>Tier 1</b>					
50-01	State College System	Student Information Administrative System	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$10,000,000
51-01	University of Nebraska	Student Information System	\$18,461,106	\$ 3,707,701	\$32,649,418
85-01	Retirement	Migration of PIONEER to the jClarity Platform	\$ 6,523,000		\$ 6,523,000
<b>Tier 2</b>					
05-01*	Supreme Court	E-Filing in JUSTICE	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 605,000
13-01	Department of Education	Nebraska Transcript Project	\$ 128,070	\$ 121,930	\$ 250,000
37-02	Workers' Compensation Court	Court Re-engineering - Adjudication	\$ 164,200	\$ 78,750	\$ 970,520
37-03	Workers' Compensation Court	Court Re-engineering - Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 94,400	\$ 43,450	\$ 204,177
<b>Tier 3</b>					
05-02*	Supreme Court	Digital Audio Recorders	\$ 100,375	\$ 210,375	\$ 495,440
25-02	HHSS	Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)	\$ 179,000	\$ 169,000	\$ 393,000
37-01	Workers' Compensation Court	WCC Internet Enhancement and Security	\$ 63,750	\$ 6,458	\$ 103,083
47-01	NET	Satellite Reconfiguration Project	\$ 247,500	\$ 222,500	\$ 1,259,500
47-02	NET	Public Media Archive and Distribution Project	\$ 249,700	\$ 305,205	\$ 1,219,895
47-03	NET	Public Media at the Capitol	\$ 1,111,800	\$ 337,500	\$ 2,139,815
<b>Tier 4</b>					
27-01	Department of Roads	Expansion of Falcon DMS to Agencywide Use	\$ 494,250	\$ 253,733	\$ 1,509,182
27-03	Department of Roads	Highway Condition Reporting System (HCRS) Enhancement			

\* Staff Note: The submitting agency's internal prioritization of their projects had project 05-02 ranked higher than 05-01. This information is normally considered as part of the recommendation process, but inadvertently was not considered in this case.

## SECTION 2: NITC Recommendations - Project Specific Comments

25-01	Health and Human Services System	New Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)
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Regarding Project 25-01, New Medicaid Management Information System, Commissioner Peterson moved:

- To leave Project 25-01 in the recommended "Mandate" list.
- To note that the project was not submitted on time for an evaluation and Technical Panel review.
- That the agency coordinate with the Technical Panel for review of the project as needed.

Commissioner Aerni seconded. Motion passed.

25-02	Health and Human Services System	Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)
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Regarding Project 25-02, Laboratory Information Management System, Commissioner Peterson moved:

- To leave Project 25-02 in the recommended Tier 3 list.
- To note that the project was not submitted on time for an evaluation and Technical Panel review.
- That the agency coordinate with the Technical Panel for review of the project as needed.

Commissioner Flanagan seconded. Motion passed.

27-01	Department of Roads	Expansion of Falcon DMS to Agencywide Use
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Commissioner Flanagan moved that Project 27-01 be moved to Tier 4 due to insufficient information to proceed with a recommendation. Commissioner Huggenberger second. Motion passed.

27-03	Department of Roads	Highway Condition Reporting System (HCRS) Enhancement
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Commissioner Hedquist moved that Project 27-03, Department of Roads-Highway Condition Reporting Systems (HCRS) Enhancement, be moved to Tier 4 due to insufficient information to proceed with a recommendation. Commissioner Peterson seconded. Motion passed.

50-01	Nebraska State College System	Student Information Administrative System
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Regarding Projects 50-01, State College System-Student Information Administrative System, and the collaboration with Project 51-01, UN-Student Information System, Commissioner Peterson moved:

- To leave the project in Tier 1.
- That the NITC strongly recommends that the University of Nebraska and the State College System collaborate on these projects in the areas of data element definitions, data warehouse design, data sharing, networking, hardware, and implementation.
- That the systems should be interoperable.
- That the University of Nebraska and the State College System work closely with the Technical Panel and provide periodic project reports to the NITC.

Commissioner Hedquist seconded. Motion passed.

51-01	University of Nebraska	Student Information System
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Regarding Projects 50-01, State College System-Student Information Administrative System, and the collaboration with Project 51-01, UN-Student Information System, Commissioner Peterson moved:

- To leave the project in Tier 1.
- That the NITC strongly recommends that the University of Nebraska and the State College System collaborate on these projects in the areas of data element definitions, data warehouse design, data sharing, networking, hardware, and implementation.
- That the systems should be interoperable.
- That the University of Nebraska and the State College System work closely with the Technical Panel and provide periodic project reports to the NITC.

Commissioner Hedquist seconded. Motion passed.

85-01	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems	Migration of PIONEER to the jClarity Platform
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Commissioner Peterson moved to leave Project 85-01, Retirement- Migration of Pioneer to the jClarity Platform, in Tier 1 and recommended that the agency coordinate with the Technical Panel for oversight of the project. Commissioner Hoelsing seconded. Motion passed.