

E-GOVERNMENT WORK GROUP

Charter

Purpose	Make recommendations to the Technical Panel on what components make up an efficient and robust foundation to support e-government. Evaluate the adequacy of the state's foundation for e-government. Recommend policies, guidelines, and best practices to address any problems or issues.
Sponsor	Steve Schafer, CIO
Scope / Boundaries	<p>Section 3 of the Statewide Technology Plan establishes a state enterprise architecture framework to provide guidance on various aspects of the state's technical environment. Electronic commerce architecture is one component.</p> <p>E-government and e-commerce represent the introduction of a recent wave of technological innovations. For purposes of this charter, "E-government" is defined as "the use of technology to enhance information sharing, service delivery, constituency and client participation, and governance by transforming internal and external relationships. " This includes transactions between government and business, government and citizen, government and employee, and among different units and levels of government.</p> <p>The scope of the work group will focus on those components of the foundation for e-government that are required for exchanging information, services, and electronic transactions. Aspects of the foundation that mainly support internal operations are outside the scope of the work group.</p> <p>What decisions should we make today, which will provide the most efficient and effective foundation to support e-government functions in the future? Examples of what is part of the foundation include but are not limited to the topics of portal, applications, payments, privacy, and security. Authentication, encryption, EDI interfaces are also subsets of an e-government foundation. Re-using common applications, such as order taking plug-in, shopping cart plug-in, and cataloguing plug-in are other examples. Indexing or use of metadata tags for searching state information is another example.</p> <p>Because aspects of electronic commerce architecture overlaps with other components, the work group must coordinate its efforts with the Security Architecture Work Group, Network Architecture Work Group and other coordinating entities that may be formed.</p>

<p>Desired Goals and Outcomes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a checklist of key foundational prerequisites for implementing e-government 2. Inventory capabilities of the state's foundation for e-government; 3. Assess capabilities of the state's foundation for e-government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify types of applications that are possible, with examples • identify limitations with the current and proposed foundation, with examples • determine scalability in economic and technical terms 4. Review and revise "best practices" for the electronic government architecture 5. Recommend "policies, standards and guidelines" for the electronic government architecture
<p>Authority</p>	<p>This work group will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make recommendations to the Technical Panel regarding the electronic government architecture, including scope; principles; best practices; and standards and guidelines. 2. Identify problems and issues related to the foundation for electronic government. <p>Decisions on proposed recommendations will be determined by a vote of the members.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>Any member of one of the NITC Councils or Technical Panel may participate on the work group, with permission of the sponsor. Membership shall include representatives from the following entities: CIO, University of Nebraska, Nebraska Online, Secretary of State, Division of Communications, IMServices, Legislative Computing Services, local government representatives, and private sectors representatives who are doing e-commerce. The sponsor of the work group may solicit membership from other entities to provide additional perspectives and information.</p>
<p>Reporting</p>	<p>The sponsor of the work group will report to the Technical Panel as needed and provide informational reports to the State Records Board, as appropriate.</p>
<p>Timeframe</p>	<p>This work group will continue in existence until this charter is repealed. The preliminary draft of the outcomes will be prepared by October 15.</p>

Adopted by the Technical Panel on August 8, 2000