

IT: Total value of current, planned state computer system projects is nearly \$1 billion

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for Gov. Kate Brown, wrote in an email that it was simply an “opportunity to consider that DAS has a new interim director, and whether or not the agency response letter needed to reflect that. Upon further consideration, it did not.” Naughton made only a few minor word changes before signing off on the response Jordan had written.

An independent IT services review that Brown called for last week will cover management issues in addition to security issues, Grainger wrote. Brown announced her plan for the review in a press release last week acknowledging a data breach at the DAS-managed state data center.

Despite the audit’s focus on IT project management, it did not examine what auditors described as “arguably the worst computer development failure in state history,” Cover Oregon. Oregon spent \$300 million in federal money primarily to set up an on-line exchange for people to purchase health insurance, plus at least \$26 million in state money for related projects, The Associated Press reported. The exchange website failed to launch as planned in October 2013. Meanwhile, the state and technology company Oracle American Inc. have filed dueling lawsuits over the project.

Green wrote in an email that this audit largely followed up on problems identified in previous audits, and “We have not audited Cover Oregon because it is currently being looked at by federal agencies and a host of other consultants for the state, including those hired by the Governor’s Office.”

Jordan alluded to Cover Oregon in his response to the audit findings, writing that the new IT project management strategy was introduced

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Marine Highway 5, named for its proximity to Interstate 5.

Chen ran a similar idea for a privately owned cool container shipping terminal by the Port of Longview, Wash., about two years ago.

But Ashley Helenberg, a port spokeswoman in Longview, said the project didn’t come to fruition, her port waited for more information it never got.

“We were going to create a packing house there,” Chen said. “But the profit margin is very low, and looking at what the long-shoremen wanted, we wouldn’t be able to make a profit.”

Through Great Alaska Capital Holdings LLC, created in 2013, Chen’s floated the idea for exporting glacial drinking water with local companies there such as Alaska Glacier Products to Asia. Chen said the project’s still in planning, but needs more permits, cold containers and a quota on the glacial drinking water that can be exported.

As for the nonexistent storage and shipping apparatus, Chen said Great Ocean has a partner in San Antonio with cold storage, and that Great Ocean is purchasing barges, push boats and ships for a shipping line to be named Great Ocean Tow and Barge Company.

Shipping products from Chile to Astoria and then onto Asia, Chen has said, would halve the cost of shipping them directly from South America to Asia, and shipping by barge costs less in fuel and can relieve traffic on the highways.

“We need a port to support the state’s exports, and Astoria is in a perfect position,” Chen said, adding that Oregon stands to lose a lot of shipping business to the Puget Sound region.

in February 2014 “as a direct response to a major IT project that was ill-prepared to move to its execution phase ...”

There are plenty of other high-stakes state IT projects underway and planned for the future. The state is working on several that are each worth at least \$20 million, and the total value of current and planned state computer system projects is nearly \$1 billion, according to auditors. The projects include replacing many of the core applications at the Department of Revenue, and developing a new child support computer system for the Oregon Department of Justice.

The Department of Ad-

ministrative Services directly manages some of these IT projects and assists different agencies on others. Auditors found DAS’ project management was “a significant step in the right direction,” but weaknesses remained across all state IT projects. For example, DAS did not assign enough staff to handle project management, and the consequences for failing to meet project management goals were unclear.

The problems have long been known. Auditors from



Alex Pettit

the Secretary of State’s office found in 2001 that DAS had not written adequate guidelines for other agencies to develop computer systems, and in fact the agency had mishandled one of its own major IT projects.

State CIO Alex Pettit started to develop a new IT project management strategy in 2014, but it is still not complete. For example, auditors found DAS has not yet identified which state employees are responsible for oversight of various aspects of IT projects under this pro-

cess. Auditors attributed the problem to a staffing shortage at DAS: the agency has three to four analysts available at any time to “evaluate multiple projects and provide needed guidance to agencies,” and they have little or no time to work on the project management strategy. In 2014, these analysts were responsible for oversight of 30 ongoing state IT projects and gave conditional approval to an additional 41 new state agency projects.

“Given this workload, this level of staffing is insufficient to effectively develop and fully implement the concepts associated with the (project management) mod-

el,” auditors wrote.

Matt Shelby, a spokesman for DAS, said the agency was aware it needed more employees to manage these projects and that is why it asked lawmakers for more money to hire additional staff. Shelby said Pettit also worked with lawmakers to draft House Bill 3099 to assign more authority to the chief information officer. The bill is currently scheduled for an April 2 hearing at the House Committee On Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness.

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