

Cabinet Agencies' Performance Audit Action Item(s) & Status

Creating a 21st-century Financial Management System in Washington

(See also [cabinet agency response](#) for full context to Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) [report](#), May 2013)

Agencies included in the performance audit: Office of Financial Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and departments of Enterprise Services, Corrections, Ecology, Employment Security, Fish and Wildlife, Health, Labor and Industries, Revenue, Social and Health Services, Transportation and the Health Care Authority.

SAO Issues Summary:

1. Washington's financial management system does not efficiently meet agency or state needs because of fragmented, out-of date technology.
2. Modernizing the system using an integrated approach will reduce the level of technical risk and improve financial management efficiency by streamlining processes and eliminating redundancy.
3. Executive leadership and advocacy by the governor's office, agency heads and state-wide elected officials will be needed to establish a structure that provides both strong executive leadership and a venue for stakeholder involvement.

The table below shows the current status of action items the agency initiated to address issues identified in the performance audit report. Please see the [cabinet agency response](#) for additional context and any additional steps already taken.

For an explanation of the columns below, [see the legend](#).

Issue	Status	Action Steps	Lead Agency	Due Date	Current Resources?	Budget Impact?	Legislation Required?	Notes
1	In progress	Establishing a governance framework Conducting a readiness assessment Developing an implementation strategy and action plan Refining the business case	OFM, DES and OCIO	9/30/2014	Yes	No	No	July 2014: The governance structure is in place and operational. Membership includes a cross section of agency representatives from all three branches of state government. An independent consultant is nearing completion of the readiness assessment, implementation strategy and refining the business case. Their final report is expected by September 30, 2014.
2	Completed	Establishing a governance structure	OFM, DES and	1/31/2014	Yes	No	No	July 2014: The governance structure is in place and operational. Membership

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			OCIO					includes a cross section of agency representatives from all three branches of state government.
3	In progress	Developing communication plans, project governance and project preparation efforts.	OFM, DES and OCIO	6/30/2015	Yes	No	No	<p>July 2014: Project communication includes a broad range of finance, procurement, information technology, human resource, legislative, and higher education stakeholders.</p> <p>The governance structure is in place and operational. Membership includes a cross section of agency representatives from all three branches of state government.</p> <p>The project management office for the project is operational.</p>