



State Chief Information Officer Validates Benefits of Statewide Court Case Management System

Report Calls for Moving Forward With the Project

SAN FRANCISCO—The Administrative Office of the Courts today welcomed the report of the Office of the State Chief Information Officer (OCIO) reviewing the California Court Case Management System (CCMS). The report, issued today in Sacramento, states that the OCIO “believes in the value of CCMS” as a solution to replace failing case management systems in the state’s 58 trial courts with a single, integrated system to serve the courts and the public.

The Legislature requested that the OCIO review the project following a legislative hearing last October. In its review, the OCIO considered the objectives, activities, and costs of CCMS. The review notes the size and complexity of the project and also the significant benefits to the state when completed, and it makes several recommendations to ensure project success. The report concludes, “Despite the challenges to date, the OCIO believes the CCMS project can be successfully implemented” if its recommendations are followed.

“This has been an extremely beneficial process,” said William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts. “We thank the expert team at the Office of the State Chief Information Officer for their careful review and recommendations.”

“We are very pleased that the OCIO recognizes the value of CCMS, and we will give serious consideration to all of the recommendations,” Vickrey said. “With the continued support of leaders in all three branches of state government, we intend to bring this project to a successful conclusion for the courts, for our justice system partners, and, most importantly, for the public that we all serve.”

Among the project challenges cited in the report are the need to:

- Strengthen the governance structure to ensure the adoption and use of CCMS by all courts that are targeted for deployment;
- Assess and define success in terms of cost, schedule, and scope for the entire completion of the project;
- Produce a viable software product that meets the common business needs of the courts; and
- Develop a detailed plan for deployment and for how and by whom CCMS will be supported during the maintenance and operations period.

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The California Court Case Management System is a statewide technology initiative that will allow courts to share data among themselves and with state agencies and that will provide a portal for the public to search for case information, pay fines and fees, request enrollment in traffic school, request continuance of traffic cases, and view court calendars and many court documents. CCMS is in its final development stages and is scheduled to be fully deployed in all 58 superior courts by 2016.

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