

COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY
Agenda Information/Action Item
Meeting Date: November 21, 2014

<i>Agenda Item:</i>	<i>Type of Action Requested:</i>
<u>EXCEPTION REQUEST: MESA MUNICIPAL COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other

FROM:
Hon. Matthias Tafoya, Presiding Judge, Mesa Municipal Court Mr. Paul Thomas, Court Administrator, Mesa Municipal Court Mr. Lester Godsey, Information Technology Project Manager, City of Mesa
SUMMARY:
<p>As a result of grave financial penalties for remaining on the city's mainframe, the estimated 2600 hours needed for adding local functionality to AJACS, and AmCad's June 23 departure from the CMS business, Mesa must take rapid action to implement a replacement case and financial management system before July 1, 2014. Judge Tafoya and Court Administrator Paul Thomas will share their analysis of the court's options.</p> <p>Following a review of the THEMIS system used by Tempe Municipal Court, Mesa decided to request an exception from implementing the AJACS limited jurisdiction large volume court CMS it was previously developing as a collaborative effort with AOC.</p> <p>Mesa will elaborate on the scoring of various required functions and its "Day 2" development efforts planned for the Tempe system that will create a viable backup option to AJACS for the state.</p>
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
<p>1) Lifespan for the adoption should be long enough to solve the current mainframe problem, but not permanent until Mesa evaluates the suitability of the completed LJ AJACS code at the end of the statewide rollout. 2) Being granted an exception carries with it the responsibility for providing all data feeds and interfaces required by statewide systems/initiatives with no expectation of state funding. 3) Due to the critical nature of the project for Mesa's business continuity and the numerous interfaces to statewide systems involved, staff recommends that the project scope and timeline be monitored by CACC including monthly status reporting.</p>

ACTION OPTIONS:

MOTION -- In consideration of Mesa's submitted request for an exception to the requirement to adopt the statewide standard case management system:

1. Approve the exception for adoption of THEMIS rather than AJACS for a period not to exceed 4 years with the conditions that interfaces to all state systems shall be included in the original development effort as monitored by CACC monthly and that the useful life of any enhancement to THEMIS be calculated as the end date of the statewide rollout of AJACS.
2. Approve the exception for adoption of THEMIS rather than AJACS for a period not to exceed 4 years with the condition that interfaces to all state systems shall be included in the original development effort as monitored by CACC monthly.
3. Disapprove the exception request, thereby directing Mesa to continue pursuing the AJACS CMS to replace their current mainframe system, ACIST.
4. Table formal consideration of the exception request until a later point in time.