

Client Agency

Vermont Integrated Justice Steering Committee

Participating IJIS Institute Consultants and Firms

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Dates Services Provided

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Overview of Technical Assistance Request:

The Chief Information Officer of Vermont, chair of the state's Integrated Justice Steering Committee, requested advice and assistance from the Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute on Vermont's technology approach to the implementation of integrated justice. The State of Vermont and the IJIS Institute agreed that the professional services that would be provided to the State would include:

- An overview of available technologies,
- Current state of XML development, standards
- Availability of XML interfaces, to the extent they are available
- Review and demo of established products/vendors, if appropriate
- Discussion of Vermont-specific interfaces, needs moving forward
- Recommendations of where the field is going, future of XML and these interfaces

Type of Technical Assistance Services Provided

The IJIS Institute designated two consultants - Gary Poindexter of BearingPoint (formerly KPMG) and John Greacen of Greacen and Associates - to provide the requested assistance. After reviewing the current strategic plan and conducting a conference call with some members of the Steering Committee, Greacen and Poindexter visited Montpelier and Waterbury, Vermont on September 30 and October 1, 2002, and made a presentation to the Steering Committee's Technical Subcommittee and met with representatives of the Steering Committee to discuss integrated justice in Vermont (a list of the Steering Committee is included as Appendix A to the report). Those discussions touched on a number of questions and issues on which our opinions and advice were sought. The report summarizes our response to those questions and issues.

Observations and Recommendations Overview

The IJIS Institute consultants had several technology recommendations for the Steering Committee, ranging from security to technologies that support integrated justice framework. The IJIS Institute consultants posed several questions to the Steering Committee to help them consider whether purchasing an off-the-shelf software package would be more or less beneficial than developing software internally. A copy of the TA report can be found on the IJIS Institute website at www.ijis.org.

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