Exceptions Granted to State Agencies (2-17-515, MCA) (October-March 2019)

1. State CIO Tim Bottenfield sent an approval letter to MSL CIO, Jenny Stapp on April 4, 2019, for an exception to the Appendix A (SC-7 Boundary Protection) policy. The approval was based on MSL working with the CISO’s office on additional security safeguards. The exception was approved through April of 2020.

2. State CIO Tim Bottenfield sent an approval letter to COR Director, Reginald Michael, for an exception to the Information Security Policy that requires all retired media to be sanitized on March 8, 2019. This exception request was approved with the understanding that COR has properly documented the disposal of the devices according to the state’s security policy.

3. State CIO Tim Bottenfield sent an approval letter to Attorney General, Tim Fox, for an exception request to the Electronic Mail Policy to allow DOJ mt.gov domain email accounts listed in the exception to forward email to a DOJ Microsoft SharePoint site on March 1, 2019. The exception request is approved until March 1, 2020.

4. State CIO Tim Bottenfield sent an approval letter to SOS Corey Stapleton, for an exception request to the POL-Online Electronic Payment Processing Policy and agreeing to the following stipulations on January 23, 2019:
   a. SITSD’s OCAM Manager and CISO will receive an annual Attestation of Compliance report from the 3rd party payment processor from SOS.
   b. SITSD’s CISO is granted meeting s with the 3rd party payment processor to discuss any audit results.

5. State CIO Tim Bottenfield sent a letter of approval to DLI CIO George Parisot, for an exception request to the POL-Information Security Policy for allowing the disabling of geoblocking for the website ebiz.mt.gov as detailed in the case on January 8, 2019.

6. State CIO Tim Bottenfield sent a conditional approval letter to Chief Justice, Mike McGrath allowing firewall requests from single external IP’s to other ports as long as they reference the case number on December 19, 2018.

7. State CIO Tim Bottenfield signed a decision brief approving the exception to the POL-Information Security Policy – Appendix A for allowing Flathead County to hire LMG Security for penetration testing on Flathead County systems on October 16, 2018.

8. State CIO, Tim Bottenfield sent an approval letter to Stacy Ripple, IT Operations Lead, for an exception request to the POL-Information Security Policy – Appendix A on October 15, 2018 to allow Montana State Fund to continue using both the new safemt.gov email and the legacy montanastatefund.com email alias at the same time with the understanding that they will be required to decommission and remove the @montanastatefund.com alias by September 30, 2019.

9. State CIO, Tim Bottenfield sent a conditional approval letter to the Department of Corrections Director, Reginald Michael, for an exception request to the POL-Information Security Policy – Appendix A for Corrections to open a case with SITSD when their vulnerability and compliance scans run/reviewed monthly on the IP surveillance system workstations on October 4, 2018.
Information Technology Projects (2-17-512, MCA and 2-17-526, MCA)

1. The information technology project portfolio report, supplemental reports, and post implementation reports are located at https://lfcreports.mt.gov.

Policy Changes (5-12-205, MCA) (October 2018-March 2019)

1. There are no policy changes to report for this timeframe.

Information Technology Procurement Requests (ITPR) (October 2018-March 2019)

1. Total Number of ITPR’s – 511
2. Denied ITPR’s – 17
3. Total Costs – $81,977,208.75
4. Annual Ongoing Cost – $1,867,126.79
5. ITPR’s with $0.00 Cost – 109

Agency Procurement Report (October 2018 – March 2019)

1. Total number of IT items purchased – 1,218
2. Total cost - $504,812.25
3. Agencies – FWP, DOC, STF, DLI
4. Items Include - Software included in the Approved Software List, Personal computers, Mobile devices, Printers leased/purchased via Print & Mail Services Division, and SITSD administered Enterprise IT contracts (i.e., MI)