Presentation to ITAC



Agency Vision

Make Arizona the #1 state in the nation through continuous improvement efforts.

Agency Mission

Deliver effective and efficient enterprise support services to state agencies to allow them to focus on their unique missions.

Project Name

State of Arizona – Department of Administration

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The Problem

Business owners go through multiple touchpoints with state agencies during their business journey



User pain-points

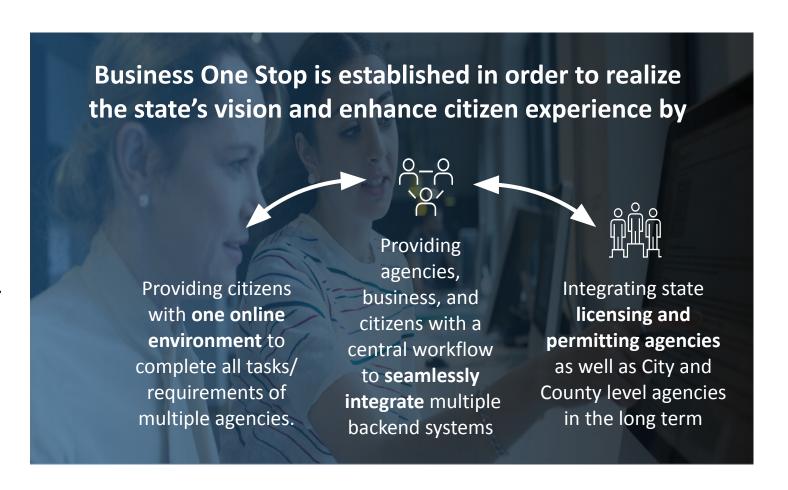
- Users feel confused about requirements and feel unsure which agency site to use
- Users feel uncertain due to lack of transparency on end to end process completion
- Users may be discouraged to use online forms since similar manual data input is needed across multiple systems

State pain-points

- Lack of integrated user information makes it difficult to track records and leads to increased processing times
- Silos of technology and information lead to inefficient operations and duplicative technology systems

The Vision

The state's vision is to make Arizona an attractive place for Business owners and enable them to kickstart and operate their business seamlessly



GOAL

Establish a Business One Stop portal that provides a single online location to help citizens & businesses plan, start, grow, move, & close businesses in Arizona.

How we will get there

Current state systems



azdor.gov aztaxes.gov





azsos.gov



Future state integrated systems



Application layer (API, Webservice, etc.)
Secured data transfer
Enhanced security protocols









azcommerce.gov azsos.gov

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The proposed set of features enhances the business owner experience at each stage of the journey

Start

Run

Stages of business

 Account creation Wizard for requirement gathering and personalized support Reports for market trends and industry data Budget calculator • Funding, grant programs Online checklist for close of business Managing all close formalities online (tax license closing, cancelling trade name etc)

Plan

Close

- Personalized checklist
- Managing business in one place (license and tax registration)
- Online dashboard for status tracking
- Tracking user application and enabling draft application storage
- Process fee calculator

- Master form for making amendments/ changes
- Pro-active digital notifications (e.g. renewal)
- Dashboard for renewals, reminders
- Online tax filing
- Tracking of metrics and analytics

- A common set of features will be developed on B1S in order to provide user with seamless experience
- Features include single sign on, ability to track user activity, make payments through single portal, check application status through dashboard etc.

Strategic progression of Business One Stop







Phase I (FY22)

Phase II (FY23-24)

Phase III and beyond (FY25-26)

- Core state agencies critical for starting businesses
- Dept. of Revenue
- Secretary of State
- Corp. Commission
- Commerce Authority

- Core state agencies from Phase I
- 2-3 large state agencies with high licensing volume where business owners have high touchpoint (recommended agencies to include
 - Registrar of Contracts, E-license system)
- 1-2 city or county level agencies willing to integrate their licenses (e.g. Mesa)

- Business One Stop to establish guidelines on requirements for agencies to integrate on the portal
- Additional state agencies and city and county level agencies that can pro-actively incorporate integration guidelines and connect

Objective

Agencies

included

to be

- Launch Business One Stop to enable new and existing Arizona-based business owners to start their business
- 34 user focused features in the "Plan, Start" stage
- Add robust features that enable all Arizona-based business owners to manage critical government interactions
- Includes critical features and functionalities of agencies from "Plan, Start, Run, Close" stages

- Continue to enhance with additional features needed for all business owners, including the out-of-state/ foreign entities
- Includes integrations with all State licensing agencies, as well as City and County integrations in one place

Efforts to Date

- FY20 Assessment and Feasibility Study using \$1M in APF funding.
- Provided <u>recommendations to the State</u> on how best to achieve the goals of the portal.
- Developed a design plan that documents the <u>business requirements</u> and shared understanding of the future state of the portal.
- Developed a functional demonstration <u>prototype</u> using the ADOT "SuperPortal"
- Developed the product roadmap.
- US Digital Response (https://www.usdigitalresponse.org/) User Experience research.

A number of considerations were made in order to build a Business One Stop portal; eAZ Super portal platform was found to be the most viable option

Considerations

Technology stack consideration

How **viable is the technical solutions** across the stack? (Scalable infrastructure, ability to integrate through restful functionalities, secured database, customizable interface and integrated applications and code repository for teams)

Security

What kind of **security protocols** are present or need to be developed? (network segmentation, DMZ, active directory, encryption, etc.)

Ease of Development

How easy is it for **code development** and how **flexible** is it to use off-the-shelf libraries and expand features?

How much is the **control on DevOps processes** and core technology?

Talent requirement

Can the organization leverage **existing talent** or hire the right skill set easily in the market?

Cost

How much does it **cost across these parameters** in the short and long term – ownership, maintenance, development, testing, production, network?

Additional considerations

What other elements need to be considered?

Most viable option

The pros and cons were evaluated for the following alternatives:

1 eAZ Super portal platform

- 2 Building from scratch
- 3 3rd party applications:
 - CMS applications (e.g. Backbase, Adobe experience manager, Sitecore)
 - Other vendors (e.g. PCC)



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Business One Stop (1/2)		• Pros C	Further investigation/

he and has existing momentum to build			
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Building from scratch	3 rd party applications		
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considered in eAZ development	duplication of effort		
Can experiment with new technologies without constraints of an existing architecture	Easier to leverage off-the-shelf solutions already existing on the applications		
	New technologies and future-proof		

Security

Considerations

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Implemented required government security protocols and integrating their own (network segmentation, DMZ, active directory, database encryption, etc)

eAZ Super portal platform

basic APIs; ability to integrate new technologies

Great tool for source code management (Team

Customizable interface based on agency needs

Could integrate some off-the-shelf libraries and

Secured MS SQL database being used

solutions in the existing platform

foundation services)

Scalable infrastructure with Azure commercial cloud

Restful integration with a few agencies and developed

- Further development required for state security requirements based on the agency being integrated
- All required security protocols will need to be integrated
- **Duplication of effort** on creation network segmentation, DMZ, etc that are already developed for eAZ
- **Security patches** provided by vendor, however require system platform updates (maintenance)

functionalities packaged in newer releases

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Ease of **Develop**ment

- Easy development for developers in Azure stack, Microsoft libraries available
- More control over the core technology to perform optimization and bug fixes
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- Easy development for developers based on technologies selected (azure, aws more viable options)
- More control over the core technology to perform optimization and bug fixes
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- **Platform training** may be required for developers
- **Less control on core technology** since it needs to be managed through vendors
- Time to market potentially shorter for some solutions with existing functionalities

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Business One Stop (2/2)

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Considerations	eAZ Super portal platform	Building from scratch	3 rd party applications
Talent Need	 Microsoft stack used all across agencies; existing talent in the organization can be leveraged Ability for developers to think creatively for solutions and work with newer technologies 	 Existing talent could be leveraged and technology could be chosen accordingly Ability for developers to think creatively and work with newer technologies 	Additional talent hiring may be required (e.g. Java developers for Back-base and Adobe solutions), training or tech administrative role may need to be established if vendors with Business One Stop functionality chosen
Cost	 Costs could be controlled by paying only for what is needed, not buying unused functionality Customized solutions may lead to higher maintenance cost in the long term 	 Similar cost as eAZ leading to duplication of costs Additional cost of ownership 	 Potentially lower maintenance costs in the Additional cost of licensing Additional network costs depending on hosting options Potentially higher long term costs
Additional consideration	 Existing momentum across agencies to make Business One Stop a reality ~80% of citizen data mapped in MVD database that can be leverage for user identity Minimal documentation available, need to be streamlined and recorded 	 Teams will need to realign on new platform and technology User identity need to be established or MVD connection need to be integrated Documentation can be recorded from the beginning 	 Teams will need to realign on new platform and technology User identity need to be established or MVD connection need to be integrated Documentation can be recorded from the beginning

Irrespective of the alternatives above, the following development will need to take place to make Business One Stop a reality:

- Development of APIs/ web services across agencies for integration on Business One Stop
- Establishment of governance board and business model to manage/ operate the portal
- Implementation of security protocols required by the state

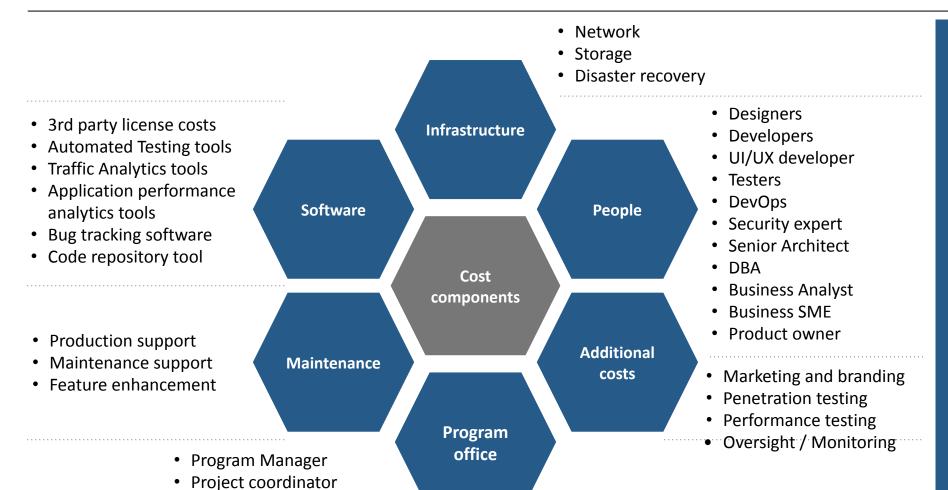


Project Timeline

Milestone / Task	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Finish Date
Project Kick-off - Review all requirements, schedule and milestones.	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2021
PI 1: Project start up, Planning, Requirements refinement & Design	July 1, 2021	July 13, 2021
PI 2: Development, Quality Assurance Review, User Acceptance Testing, Deployment	July 13, 2021	August 24, 2021
PI 3: Development, Quality Assurance Review, User Acceptance Testing, Deployment	August 24, 2021	October 5, 2021
PI 4: Development, Quality Assurance Review, User Acceptance Testing, Deployment	October 5, 2021	November 16, 2021
PI 5: Development, Quality Assurance Review, User Acceptance Testing, Deployment	November 16, 2021	December 28, 2021
PI 6: Development, Quality Assurance Review, User Acceptance Testing, Deployment, MVP Launch	December 28, 2021	February 8, 2022

Budget Categories for Business One Stop

Business Analyst



Key highlights

- The cost assessment looked at **both** costs for B1S directly and costs agencies will incur to adapt legacy systems.
- The cost components include the initial set-up and development cost as well as 5 years of annual recurring cost to cover ongoing maintenance, support and enhancements

Governor's Budget Proposal

- The Executive Budget for FY22 includes \$7.8 million to continue developing a Business One-Stop portal.
 - The budget includes both the costs for B1S directly and the costs agencies will incur to integrate/adapt legacy systems.
 - This initial funding will support launching Business One Stop to enable new and existing domestic (in-state) business owners to start their business.
 - This phase includes 34 functions including for user account management and high-volume, critical-path functions for core agencies in the 'Plan' and 'Start' stages of the business lifecycle.*
- In future phases, the portal will be expanded, adding features intended to foster business growth and relocation. All three project phases can be completed by FY 2025 for a total development and maintenance cost of \$32.2 million

Breakdown by Phases

PHASE 1				
Cost Estimate (Fiscal Year 2022)		PHASE 3		
Development \$6,010,749		Cost Estimate (Fiscal Year 2025 & 2026)		
People	\$5,898,881	Development	\$3,971,370	
Software	\$39,920	People	\$3,747,634	
Additional costs	\$71,948	Software	\$79,840	
Operations \$	1,748,079	Additional costs	\$143,896	
Maintenance	\$1,008,800	Operations	\$4,821,659	
Program Management Office	\$677,952	Maintenance	\$3,195,147	
<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>\$61,327</u>	Program Managen	nent Office \$1,503,857	
TOTAL \$	7,758,828	<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>\$122,655</u>	
		TOTAL	\$8,793,029	
PHASE 2				
Cost Estimate (Fiscal Year 2023 & 2024)				
Development \$	9,404,021	Phase 1 Only Totals		
People	\$9,180,285	Phase 1 Development Costs:	\$6,010,749	
Software	\$79,840	5 Year Operational Costs:	\$8,740,395	
Additional costs	\$143,896	5 Year Phase 1 Grand Total:	<u>\$14,751,144</u>	
Operations \$6	6,210,270			
Maintenance	\$4,670,085	Project Totals		
Program Management Office	\$1,417,530	5 Year Development Costs:	\$19,386,140	
<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>\$122,655</u>	5 Year Operational Costs:	\$12,780,008	
TOTAL \$1	5,614,291	5 Year Grand Total:	<u>\$32,166,148</u>	

What Success Looks Like

Change Management

- Project Milestones
 - Communications
 - Training
 - Other CM Actions

Measures of Success

- Application Launch
- Public Improvement & Maintenance Releases
- Customer Journeys Delivered (Project Milestones)
- Customer Satisfaction
- Time to market: How long it takes to submit an application (start to submit).
- Mental load. How hard, confusing, frustrating, otherwise easy, intuitive is the registration process

Q & A Session