

Information Technology Authorization Committee

Project Review

January 25, 2017

Action Item

Agency: Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS)
Project Name: CHILDS Replacement Project
Project Number: CH17002
ASET Oversight Manager: Clark Lathrum

As part of the core functions, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) caseworkers spend time to ensure the safety of children, strengthen families, and achieve permanency. The current system used for case management, federal reporting, and provider management is the Children's Information Library and Data Source, known as CHILDS. CHILDS was originally implemented in 1997, and due to the age, complexity, and inefficiencies, DCS is unable to provide the best support for the caseworkers or the children and families that they serve.

Currently, CHILDS is unable to support and drive current and any future DCS business processes, suffers from poor usability due to being an aging mainframe application, and is difficult to search or provides data for analysis in a quick and efficient manner.

As part of the CHILDS Replacement Guardian Program procurement process, the next planned procurement is for the Platform. The platform will serve as the foundation for which the entire Guardian system will be configured and integrated. DCS has selected the vendor, is ready to award, and to begin platform implementation. While active solicitation laws prohibit from stating the vendor and specific costs until award, the costs are within specified range from the original PIJ. Additionally, the schedule is now planned to be complete earlier than originally planned. Exact costs, and a detailed schedule will be provided to all stakeholders upon ITAC approval and award of the vendor in the next scheduled ITAC status briefing.

On September 14, 2016, the ITAC approved, with conditions, the "CHILDS Replacement" project. Today, DCS is seeking approval to amend the project with a revised project budget and schedule for the Platform technology work stream of the program.

Motion Options:

ITAC Approval:

ITAC Conditional Approval:

1. Should the final costs exceed the estimated costs by 10% or more, or should there be significant changes to the proposed technology, scope of work or implementation schedule, the Agency must amend the PIJ to reflect the changes and submit it to ADOA-ASET and ITAC for review and approval prior to further expenditure of funds.
2. ADCS shall notify ADOA-ASET once procurement rules allow the release of additional information regarding the project amendment, at which point ADOA-ASET will formally distribute the information to the ITAC, Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting, and State Procurement Office.

ITAC Disapproval:

