DISCUSSION OF FLORIDA PALM
(FLAIR REPLACEMENT)

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Overview of FLAIR

- Florida Accounting Information Resource (FLAIR) was implemented 30 years ago to provide accounting resources to State agencies
- FLAIR processes $90 billion in payments annually (including $3.5 billion in payroll)
- FLAIR has over 16,000 users statewide
- FLAIR limitations include:
  - Paper intensive processing
  - No predictability/forecasting
  - Lack of availability of IT support
The FLAIR Study concluded the State of Florida should pursue the replacement of FLAIR and the Cash Management Systems (CMS) with a commercial off the shelf (COTS) enterprise resource planning solution (ERP) for the financial management processes to support the constitutional obligations of the CFO.
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Core Principles

- The Florida PALM Project operates on three core principles:
  1. Create a realistic plan to complete the FLAIR and CMS replacement project
  2. Incorporate a number of smaller objectives along a deliberate timeline
  3. Acknowledge the statewide aspect of the project and the impact to the other Florida agencies
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Florida PALM Project Phases

Pre-DDI – Pre-Design, Development, and Implementation focuses on project planning, Business Process Standardization and procurement of a Software and System Integrator (SSI)

DDI Phases – Design, Development, and Implementation Phases initially focused on core FLAIR and CMS processes then expanded functionality
FY2014-2015 (Year 1):
  ◦ Appropriated $9M
  ◦ Spent $2.2M
FY2015-2016 (Year 2):
  ◦ Appropriated $11.3M
  ◦ Obtained released for $8.4M
  ◦ Spent $8.1M
FY2016-2017 (Year 3):
  ◦ Appropriated $8.7M
  ◦ Obtained release for $7.7M
  ◦ Requested to re-appropriate $2M for FY2017-2018 DDI readiness
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Completed Pre-DDI Milestones

- Staffed Project FTEs across four teams encompassing project management, people, process, and technology
- Secured contract support staff across four teams and independent verification and validation services
- Conducted meetings with all 34 agencies that currently use FLAIR and CMS to establish and obtain approval on standardized business processes across ten financial process areas
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Procurement Milestones

- Obtained approval of business requirements based on statewide-developed standardized business processes through governance process in September 2016
- Obtained approval of solicitation documents for the Software and System Integrator (SSI) through governance process in October 2016
- Released solicitation on November 1, 2016
- Started planning for evaluation and negotiation phases
- Anticipate vendor responses on January 24, 2017
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