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Technology Committee Teleconference Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2006 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern

I. Welcome and Introductions

Debbie Peterson (Texas), Committee Vice Chair, called the meeting to order. The following members participated in the call:

NAME	STATE/ORGANIZATION
Tim Blevins, Chair	Kansas
Jesse Jordon	Kentucky
Robert Johnston	Hawaii
Joe Randall	Idaho
Steve Wilson	Idaho
Al Gonzalez	Michigan
Margaret Kauska	Montana
Blane Braunberger	North Dakota
Terry Garber	South Carolina
Valerie Anderson	South Carolina
Scott Shealy	South Carolina
Gordon Smead	Tennessee
Debbie Peterson, Vice Chair	Texas
Harold Jennings, Susan Ribe, Antonio Soto, Glenn White	Multistate Tax Commission
Rachel Foster, Tom Russo	e.magination

II. Public Comment Period

III. Discussion of South Carolina's Experience with Tovariss Secure Communication Product

Participants with South Carolina described their experience with Tovariss, now called GlobalCerts. The state purchased a redundant pair of appliances. The company came on-site to set it up. The participants were generally very positive about the product.

They then answered questions about their experience and the product in general. In explaining how training was handled, they indicated that Administrators determined who would have certs. These

were mainly field auditors and those who answer email from constituents. They indicated there is no problem with the certificate expiring on a message. The expiration date can be set out as far as necessary. Attachments reside on the South Carolina system until they are downloaded by the recipient, after which they are not secure. In response to the question "Is a permanent source relationship created," they indicated that security is message by message, however the username and password are permanent.

The cost for the project was approximately \$25,000. Mr. Blevins indicated the price for Kansas' Tumbleweed product was similar.

IV. Update on Project Plan and Contract Discussion with e.magination Staff

Rachel Foster gave an overview of the e.magination with relationship with the MTC. She then did a walkthrough of Website Redesign project plan at a high level. She noted the plans allows for collaboration with process control. The project plan includes points for input.

The presentation was opened for questions. She indicated that the web site is to be Microsoft based. She was asked why Ektron rather than an MS content server is planned. Reasons included that Ektron does use the MS .Net framework. Microsoft's own product is limited in that it's most recent version is four years old, does not come with search capability. Ektron integrates with association management.

Ms. Peterson asked that the committee members individually review the project plan in detail and provide any comments to Susan Ribe by the end of the week. A separate project plan for secure communications assessment will be provided next week. A similar request to review that document will be made of committee members.

V. IT Project Risk Mitigation Document Review

Mr. Blevins called attention to examples of documents used to assist in risk mitigation planning. Kansas, Texas, and Tennessee provided documents. Ms. Garber indicated that South Carolina treats mitigation as separate from contingency. If mitigation does not eliminate risk, a contingency plans identifies actions.

VI. Planning for March 15th Meeting.

The agenda for the meeting in Nashville was drafted.

VII. Adjournment