



MINUTES

Technology Committee Teleconference Meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2006

I. Welcome and Introductions

Tim Blevins, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). The following members participated in the call:

NAME	STATE/ORGANIZATION
Robert Johnston	Hawaii
Steve Wilson	Idaho
Joe Randall	Idaho
Tim Blevins	Kansas
Kathryn Krause	Michigan
Greg Matson	Multistate Tax Commission
Antonio Soto	Multistate Tax Commission
Gordon Smead	Tennessee
Debbie Peterson	Texas

II. Public Comment Period

No member of the public was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 14, 2006, Technology Committee Meeting, were corrected by adding a person who was not in the attendance list and correcting a couple of typos. After a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. Secure Communications Assessment Project update including work on draft policies

Rachel Foster did not attend the meeting due to an emergency, so there was not an update on the Secure Communications project.

Discussion on this issue was deferred until the next meeting.

V. Website Redesign Project Plan Update

There was not an update on the Website Redesign project either; however Greg Matson mentioned that there is a delay related with server and database licensing.

Mr. Matson reported that MTC staff interviewed a candidate for the website content manager position today and there will be another interview tomorrow. [Note: The new Website Content Manager has been hired; her first day is November 1, 2006].

Tim Blevins mentioned that once the new MTC website is available, visitors that are trying to open the old MTC website should be redirected to the new one.

VI. Other items relevant to the work of the Technology Committee

Mr. Matson reported on the demo of Bull Services ESKORT audit management software program.

He also mentioned that this software might be useful not only for the Audit Program, but also the Voluntary Disclosure Program. One software program could be used with two independent databases because the data would have to remain separate.

Steve Wilson mentioned that a program like ESKORT would provide great advantages, since most of its operations are done electronically. He also noted that ESKORT has encryption capabilities, login access, and high security standards.

Joe Randall indicated that this system looks good and it will be able to generate monthly reports automatically.

Mr. Matson said that MTC will look at other products that could fit with our requirements.

Mr. Matson also mentioned that it will be very helpful to keep Technology Committee members in the review process. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Randall agreed to continue in this regard.

Mr. Matson indicated that when we are closer to a final decision, the Technology Committee should have a demo of the audit software program. Some Audit Committee members should be invited to this demo as well.

Risk Management and Contingency Plan documents will be discussed in the next meeting.

There were no additional comments or questions.

The next Technology Committee teleconference will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. EST.

VII. Adjournment.

The committee adjourned at 2:38 p.m. (EST).