To:	Executive Committee
From:	Gregory S. Matson, Deputy Executive Director
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The Technology Committee chair position remains vacant, but there has been interest expressed by someone and staff will follow up with them and work with the Commission chair if an appointment is in order.

The committee met during the Commission's annual meeting week in Hood River, Oregon, on July 26, 2010 (only two states were represented, participating via teleconference). A teleconference has been scheduled for the committee on December 16, 2010.

The Commission's computing assets and information security structures are appropriately maintained and operational. Since July 1st, the IT staff rolled out new desktops and laptops to all staff in all offices. This included migrating user data from old laptops to new laptops, and working through the growing pains of a new operating system (Windows 7) and Microsoft Office 2010. The IT staff also had a virtualization assessment done, and is beginning a virtualization of the data center within the next week or two. In preparation for that, data storage was procured and configured, physical configuration changes were made to the computer racks in the server room, and excess legacy equipment was removed.

We are continually improving the MTC website. An upgrade to the content management system (CMS) that was initiated in April of this year has been completed. The vendor we used to do the upgrade is also now our new website hosting provider; not only did this move facilitate the upgrade process, it also saved the Commission money. The homepage has been the focal point of improvement efforts thus far, and in the upcoming months we would like to make improvements to contact lookup, a brief bank, navigation, registration process (including payment processing), as well as better content management.

A new area of the website was set up to accommodate the hosting of Tax Stratification and Estimation Program for Windows (TSEPWin), statistical software written by Dr. Richard W. Kulp and his nephew, Robert Kulp. TSEPWin was marketed by Kulp & Associates, LLC, until this summer of 2010 when he retired and closed Kulp & Associates, LLC. Dr. Kulp contacted the Multistate Tax Commission with an offer to transfer ownership to MTC and have them provide webhosting with the proviso that

TSEPWin be offered to government agencies, businesses, and industries free of charge. Dr. Kulp still provides technical support and will update the program as needs arise.

The Commission received three responses to its Request for Information for the Automated Audit Program Software Project. Commission staff has reviewed these and is prepared to vet them with the committee at a future meeting. Follow up questions will be asked of the vendors, following which the committee will determine the best way to proceed with the project.