



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members, Legislative Post Audit Committee
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SUBJECT: Automated Biometric Identification System ABIS IT Project - Update

Our primary objective in monitoring IT projects is to identify when a project is at risk of failure due to scope, schedule cost or quality problems. By communicating our concerns to the agency, other stakeholders, and legislative bodies we hope to help improve the project's health. Our secondary objective is to evaluate whether monitored IT projects have adequately planned for security controls.

We have monitored the Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) project since January 2020. We published two quarterly reports so far. For the monitoring period ending September 30, we opted for a short memo to provide a project update.

Project Scope is in Satisfactory status – no change from our report ending June 30.

As explained on page 2 of the most recent report, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) staff have finalized the scope of the main project and have documented it in the Request For Proposal (RFP) published June 15, 2020. The RFP and resulting contract award for the new ABIS system locked in the project scope. For this quarter we are not aware of any changes that would affect the project scope.

Project Cost is in Satisfactory status – no change from our report ending June 30.

We are not aware of further changes affecting the finalized cost estimate for the project.

Project Security planning is in Satisfactory status – no changes from our report ending June 30.

As explained on page 4 of the most recent report, KBI's planning project and finalized request for proposal included various security and governance requirements for the system. For this quarter we are not aware of any changes that would affect the security planning of the project.

Project Schedule is slightly behind – a change from our report ending June 30.

During the monitoring period ending September 30, KBI staff were reviewing bids to determine which vendor would get the ABIS project contract. We participated in many review and process meetings. The bid review and award process continues into the 4th quarter and much of it is confidential. As explained in the most recent report, the KBI initially had delayed the project award deadline from July to early November 2020. The ongoing review process is slightly behind the planned timeline to meet that milestone. However, agency officials believe they will be able to award the contract by mid-November 2020.