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ECCP update December 2023

- Overall program: The ECCP governance model, which defines how decisions will be made concerning the program and its workstreams, has been finalized.

- Foundational Services: The Goal 1 (Foundation) visioning session was held Dec. 6. Subsequent visioning sessions may be scheduled as needed. These sessions will provide the basis for developing a roadmap and define the ultimate desired end state for Goal 1 – i.e., creating the operational environment for state agencies.

- Workforce and Training: Began partnership with ISG to execute the Phase 1 Readiness Assessment for 19 agencies that comprise approximately 82% of the state's IT workforce. The first two months of effort are focused on planning for the engagement with agencies.

- Consulting, Brokerage, and Marketplace: Started initial strategic discussions with the Department of Enterprise Services. Began planning for visioning sessions for these three goal areas as well. These visioning sessions are expected to take place in early 2024.

ECCP update October 2023

- Organizational Staffing: Hired an Enterprise Cloud Program Manager to begin in October. Welcome, Chris Lamb! Also developed a position description to contract a Project Manager/Scrum Master for the Foundations workstream.

- Foundational Services: Worked on one-pager explaining Foundations strategic goal to be published to the web.

- Workforce and Training: Enterprise Cloud Steering Committee approved cloud training personas. Also continued meeting with vendors and partners at DES to learn about how vendor systems would work with the state's learning management system and completed contracting process to bring vendor onboard for workforce readiness project and selected 18 agencies to participate.

- Consulting, Brokerage, and Marketplace: Met with contacts at LA County to learn about their experience developing a cloud marketplace. Also developed business requirements for assessing cloud financial reporting tools. This includes items such as ability to analyze data from multiple cloud service providers, budget alerts, forecasting, and ability to develop views for specific stakeholders.

- Enterprise Data Platform: Cloud team members have joined the Enterprise Data Platform project to help develop a cloud-based enterprise data platform. The project will work with Results Washington to pilot a data platform to create and publish data visualizations.

ECCP Update September 2023

- Organizational Staffing: The Enterprise Cloud Computing Manager position was posted. Interviews have been scheduled and it is anticipated that the successful candidate will start in October.

- Communications: ECCP staff has been working with WaTech Communications to develop one-page documents about the state's Cloud Smart Strategy. Documents have been completed for the overall strategy and the Workforce Training and Readiness goal.

- Foundational Services: ECCP developed a Q1 and Q2 roadmap to identify deliverables for the rest of the calendar year. Staff have met with partners in Technology and Operations to learn more about how cloud services are currently delivered and what gaps exist between what is currently offered and the future vision for the program. We completed a maturity model assessment from Amazon Web Services and are awaiting results.

- Workforce and Training: ECCP staff and partners from State Human Resources and the Department of Enterprise Services interviewed three vendor candidates for a workforce readiness assessment project. A vendor has been selected and will start in October. The team has continued to host presentations from training platform vendors and has met with the Department of Enterprise Services to learn how vendor platforms can connect to the state learning management system. Training personas have been approved by the IT Professional Structure Governance Committee.

- Consulting, Brokerage, and Marketplace: ECCP staff and leadership held visioning sessions to brainstorm ideas for future Consulting, Brokerage, and Marketplace services. A roadmap was developed to complete Q1 and Q2 deliverables.

ECCP Update June 2023

- Statewide cloud strategy: The ECCP has published the Washington State Cloud Smart Strategy. It is available as a resource on the ECCP website.

- Cloud Capability Model (CCM) Project: Planet completed initial data collection and recommendations. The CCM tool has been moved from PowerPoint to SharpCloud.

- Cloud Government Network Project: This project is now underway and in the first phase of creating a network solution that will allow the state to traverse public cloud providers without having to be forced tunneled back to on-premises and then to the specific cloud vendor. This network design will also have up-to-date security control measures to ensure a secure enclave for the state.

- Workforce Training: The ECCP is partnering with Washington State Human Resources to develop cloud-related personas. An initial list of 8-10 personas to create has been identified.

ECCP Update April 2023

- Organizational staffing: The ECCP is actively recruiting. The Cloud Vendor Specialist and the Cloud Workforce Training positions are being revised and will be reposted. The program is continuing to look at temporary consultants and external options to work on specific projects until the team is able to hire more full-time staff.

- Statewide cloud strategy: The ECCP completed an initial cloud strategy that was presented to the Technology Management Council. The team is continuing to revise the strategy based on input from WaTech leadership and partner agencies.

- Cloud Capability Model (CCM) Project: The program is working on a release cycle for 2.X CCM version to cover key capability findings and recommendations.

- Cloud Government Network Project: This is a new project that will work on a cloud network design for the state.

- Workforce training: The ECCP program plans to issue a statement of work according to the Cloud Transition Taskforce report, and partner with Washington State Human Resources to define cloud-related personas and competencies at the same time.

ECCP update February 2023

- Organizational staffing: The ECCP has hired a Cloud Data Analyst, who started in February, and is continuing to look at temporary consultant options to work on specific projects until the team is able to hire more full-time staff.

- Statewide cloud strategy: The team has completed a cloud strategy.

- The Cloud Center of Excellence Portal & Content: A prototype was released in February. Content is under development.

- The Network and Security Cloud Assessment project: An executive final presentation is scheduled for early March to the WaTech management team.

- IBM Cloud Security Architecture: This project (which is focused on approved security patterns in architecture) has been ongoing for the past quarter. Five documents were drafted and are currently in review.

- Cloud workforce training specialist position is posted. This position is part of the Enterprise Cloud Computing (ECC) program. The Cloud Workforce Training Specialist will be relied on to help move the program's mission forward by developing and managing the cloud workforce training program.

ECCP update January 2023

- Organizational staffing: Due to delays in hiring staff, due in part to tight job market conditions, the ECCP team has re-examined workflows and plans to hire temporary consultants to work on specific projects until the team is able to hire full-time staff.

- Statewide cloud strategy: The team will have an updated version for the cloud steering committee to review in January.

- Cloud Capability Model 2.0 (CCM): The team is reviewing enterprise cloud prioritization and will be examining prototype capabilities in January.

- The Cloud Center of Excellence Portal & Content project is underway and has conducted design workshops. A plan is expected to be released in January 2023.

- The Network and Security Cloud Assessment project is in progress. Workshops were held in December. A final deliverable is planned for February 2023.

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