

Video Opportunity:

- Department of Finance & Management reports that Sherriff’s budget for transport of defendants to Courts is approx. \$2.2MM yearly.
- Industry experts estimate a 25% - 30% savings potential by moving eligible proceedings to video and eliminating transport

Solution:

- Implement a secure, private video conferencing network that removes the physical barriers between people in the justice system and facilitates proceedings and case flow.
- Reduce the amount of time it takes to handle cases and reduce the costs and risks associated with transporting offenders and inmates between Correctional Facilities and Courts.

What are others doing?

- Virginia - 820 warrants over video daily, decreased time from 60 to 20 minutes, over 400 systems deployed
- New Hampshire - Every courthouse, prison and jail has video capability; Judge can arraign from any courthouse in state; In some cases the total miles saved for a single arraignment can be in the hundreds
- Connecticut - at least 1 video equipped courtroom in each courthouse, covering family, civil and criminal proceedings; most used for family proceedings, especially motions from inmates to reduce child support
- Massachusetts – 110 video endpoints deployed in Courts; savings in transportation and security

What will make a difference this time?

- Video Conferencing technology, purpose-built and designed for Justice applications, has improved considerably since last visited, solving issues of accessibility and quality of experience.
- Both DOC and Judiciary have partnered with DII to establish improved network connectivity at target DOC and JUD facilities, providing the needed infrastructure for Video Conferencing and Collaboration applications. This infrastructure can be leveraged for collaboration across our network of Justice Partners and supporting agencies.
- As with any application, PROCESS must be an equal partner with TECHNOLOGY. JUD, SAS, DOC, VT Bar and ODG must work together as Justice Partners to establish and enact processes that enable efficient Video Conferencing solutions that ultimately deliver a better, more efficient experience to the users of our Justice systems.

Costs:

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| Judiciary | 1 video conferencing station per unit | 14 units @ \$14,000 each | \$196,000 |
| | Central video server | | \$30,000 |
| | Phone additions in Court for Defense | | \$10,000 |
| Corrections | Does not reflect facility start-up or potential staffing costs | 7 units @ \$10,000 each | \$70,000 |
| Total cost estimate for initial implementation: | | | \$306,000 |

Next Steps:

- Form multifunctional team from JUD, SAS, DOC, ODG to design and implement a pilot in Chittenden County – Target implementation July 2015
- Run 6 month pilot test with evaluation and refinement of processes and measurement of key performance indicators
- Full rollout of technology and processes – Target January 2016