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Vermont Update
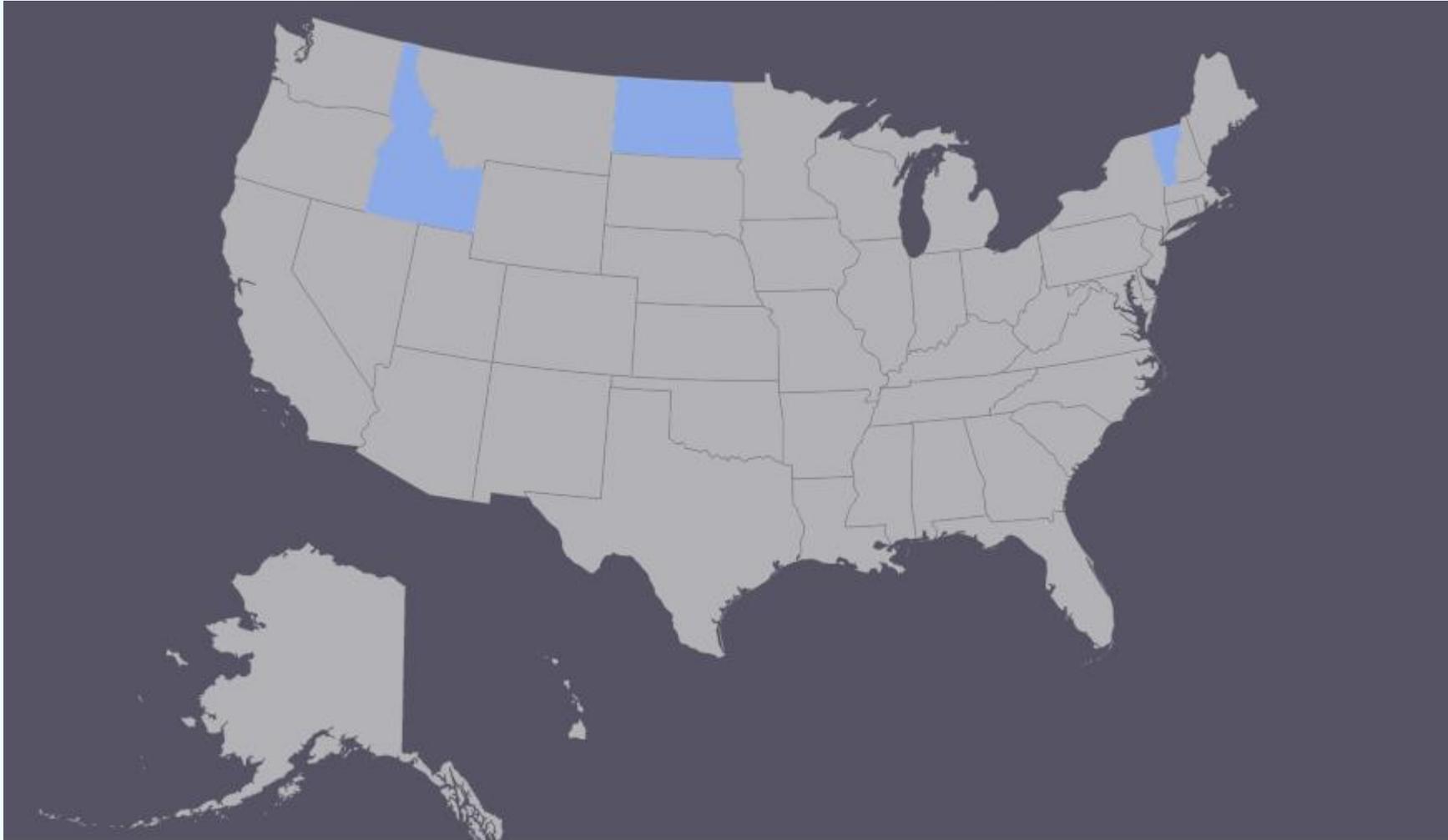
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Vermont UI History

- Unemployment Insurance Division Overview

- Current Vermont Department of Labor UI Systems
    - VABS / CATS
    - COBOL/Mainframe Technology

- USDOL Consortium Approach
    - Federal / State Partnership
    - Funding Opportunities

- Modernization (First Attempt)
    - Vermont, Maryland, West Virginia
    - Withdrew in 2015

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Idaho – Vermont – North Dakota

What is iUS Consortium?

- "An agreement, combination, or group formed to undertake an enterprise beyond the resources of any one member."

- New UI System
  - Tax & Benefits
  - Debit Cards / Document Management System
  - Online Intake
  - Self-Service Capabilities

- Maintenance & Operations
  - Decreased Costs
  - Distributed Development Environment

- USDOL Support
  - Funding
  - Leverage

Funding

- 100% Federally Funded

- REED ACT Funds (2009)
  - Total Received = $9,000,000.00
  - Idaho Payment = -$3,000,000.00
  - Additional Expenses = Staff, Equipment, Contractors

- USDOL Supplemental Budget Requests
  - 2013 = $2,226,110.71
  - 2014 = $1,250,000.00
  - 2016 = $907,620.00
  - 2017 = 3,428,000.00

- Totals
  - Available = $7,811,730.71
  - Spent = -$2,910,987.79
  - Remainder = $4,900,742.92

iUS Consortium - Governance

iUS Board

     Mark Mayfield – Idaho

     Cameron Wood – Vermont

     Darren Brostrom – North Dakota

- Decisions (Decisions that the Board needs to make - e.g. governance, prioritization, etc.)
- Direction (Direction that the Board needs to impart to the rest of the consortium - e.g. How to bring more states into the consortium)
- Change Orders (Approval, Rejection, Needs-More-Analysis on changes to the consortium's scope, schedule, cost, resources, etc.)

Consortium Project Committee (CPC)

- Comprised of Business, IT and Project Management
- Review Change Orders
- Address functional / technical issues that do not require iUS Board decisions/authority
- Make recommendations to the iUS Board when decisions are required

iUS Consortium – Status Report

Consortium Activities
- Idaho
    - Business Requirements – common/customized
    - Design/Development of iUS 2.0 Core Functionality
    - Testing
    - Supporting VT deployment project
    - ICON Relay and ICON Modernization
    - Supporting ND project initialization (start up)
    - Tooling – Reviewing/evaluation tools for Technical Documentation
- Vermont
    - Requirements
    - Data Conversion
    - Testing activities
    - Interface Development
- North Dakota
    - Initial Gap Assessment
    - Data – purge and cleanse
    - Network Infrastructure

iUS Consortium – Status Report

Consortium Project Plan
- Complete design/development of iUS 2.0 Core ---------------------------July 2018
- ICON Relay – complete development and testing----------------------May 2018
  - Integrate iUS 2.0 cloud ---July 2018
  - Implement – ID production--August 2018
- Support VT deployment activities --April 2019
- Idaho deployment activities --August 2018 - ?
- North Dakota deployment activities -------------------------------------August 2018 - ?

Idaho/Vermont Project Plan –
- See iUS Vermont Project Timeline slide

iUS Consortium – Challenges

Expectations and Responsibilities
- Communication
  - Physical location/time zone
- Data Conversion
- Testing
- Scope
- Resources

iUS Consortium – Successes

- Establishing a common understanding of Governance, resourcing, planning, documentation, and communication. "Development of a common product"
- Cloud
  - Using Microsoft Azure solution, our costs have been kept to a minimum and our ability to quickly respond to changes in the development environment have been a plus.
- Developing a consistent User Interface (UI/UX) behavior for all Unemployment related applications.
- North Dakota – on-boarding of a third state
  - Gap Assessment
  - Data cleansing/purging

- Additional areas that could be modernized include SIDES, SARS, Benefit Payment Control, Fraud Tracking – locally and at the national level.

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Questions