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The Office of Court Administration is currently working on a number of large information technology projects that will improve efficiency and effectiveness in our court system, increase access to court records, and increase public trust in our judiciary. These projects include the implementation of a new case management system in both the district and circuit courts, electronic filing in the district courts, judges' tools in the district courts, which will allow a judge to more efficiently find case information and organize it in a manner that best suits each individual judge, public access, and a new jury management system. Nearly ten committees have been formed to tackle these large-scale projects. Justice Davis at the Supreme Court is overseeing the projects, as well as the various committees, which encompass six judges from both circuit and district courts, nearly fifteen clerks from both levels of the court system, judicial assistants, a court reporter and a number of attorneys. We hope to include input from all stakeholders to ensure that the systems produced work as effectively and efficiently for the State of Wyoming as possible. A number of the committees are already actively participating in configuring the various systems to ensure their workability across the state.

Court administration is currently on schedule to begin piloting the new case management system in the summer of 2018, followed by a roll out across the state beginning in January 2019. Once the roll out is complete both circuit and district courts will be using the same system, which will promote uniformity. The vendor, Justice Systems, Inc. (JSI), has provided the case management system in the circuit courts for a number of years, and will be providing its newest system, FullCourt Enterprise, to our courts. The circuit courts and court administration has worked with JSI for many years, and believes they will be a worthy and productive partner in this newest endeavor. The district court and circuit court case management system committees have had a number of meetings and a long two-day work session, with each committee, to begin working through the system and determining how it should be configured to best suit the business practices of the clerks.

Court administration will also provide aiSmartBench, a product of Mentis Technology, to the district court judges, which will allow each judge to pull different information from a number of resources to assist in working through their cases. Judges will also be able to share information seamlessly with their chambers and with court clerks if they so choose. The committee assigned to configure aiSmartBench will begin work shortly, and the application is scheduled to be rolled out along with the new case management system to begin in the summer of 2018.

Court administration is currently working with a company called Tybera Inc. to provide an electronic filing system for the district courts. Because electronic filing sits on top of, and relies heavily on the case management system, the roll-out of electronic filing in the district courts will come on the heels of the roll out of the new case management system. Once the configuration of this system ramps up we anticipate in-depth participation from attorneys around the state.

Providing easily accessible information from the courts is critical to ensuring public trust in the judiciary. With the help of the public access committee, court administration will build a

new system to provide access to the public which can be used from any place with an internet connection and a browser. This committee will begin working on the public access components in the next few weeks, and the new system will be built and ready for roll out along with the new case management system and judges' tools.

Another project which will instill confidence in the judiciary from the point of view of the public is the new jury management system. The new system will provide a convenient method for citizens to access the court and provide the requisite information to the court when called for jury duty. Citizens will be able to answer questionnaires online, and will be given options regarding the method of communication with the courts – email, text, or phone call. The jury lists will also be more accurate through partnerships with vital statistics and National Change of Address.

The timelines for these projects are ambitious, but with the efforts of the hard-working administrative staff and the essential contributions from stakeholders, we are confident that these timelines can be realized. With the completion of these projects the judiciary and the public can be confident that justice will be served in a more efficient and effective manner.

The information contained herein will be updated no later than May 1, 2017.