

Sent: 22 February 2006 17:28
To: IT Strategy Project Team
Subject: Transformational Government comments

Hi,

I have read the strategy 'Transformational Government: Enabled by Technology' and I would like to respond if possible ... see below.

I have to admit that I fully support the use of technology to bring about real change for local government that will enable huge savings to be made. Savings in money and also of peoples time.

What I would like to see is a standard (or RFCs) creating that tells local authorities and software suppliers what, or how, information should be stored, processed and or created.

Innovation and creativity is a good thing, but there needs to be standardisation to ensure consistency across all government ... this would enable true, accurate and timely delivery of information between government, customers and stakeholders and should also cut down on the costs associated with upgrading/replacing current/legacy systems. Costs which can spiral out of control.

(This one's a bit of a gripe but hey ...) I would also like to see leaders of IT who have actually studied IT. You wouldn't employ someone who hadn't studied medicine as a doctor ... it should be the same with IT, leave it to the ones who have studied it ... IT.

Also, full analysis of current systems (SSADM) should be a requirement for all IT projects to ensure a holistic view of the project has been considered ... this is often done as an after thought or not at all.

I am very interested in the introduction of the Government IT Profession, only with this will quality change be realised in the 'back-office'.

I would like to say that these comments are my own and are not necessarily the views of the authority I am employed by.

Thanks, good luck and bring it on,

Michael

Regards,

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