

**Information Technology Department
Budget 112
Senate Bill No. 2015**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	168.00	\$250,000	\$49,409,557	\$49,659,557
1997-99 legislative appropriation	<u>159.00</u>	<u> </u>	<u>45,326,741</u>	<u>45,326,741</u>
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	9.00	\$250,000	\$4,082,816	\$4,332,816

NOTE: The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$262 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

Item Description

Required use of wide area network services - 1999 Senate Bill No. 2043 provides a \$250,000 general fund appropriation for the implementation of the Information Technology Department responsibility for all wide area network services planning, selection, and implementation for all state agencies, including institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, counties, cities, and school districts.

Status/Result

The Information Technology Department, in an effort to prepare itself for the required usage of the wide area network services, utilized the \$250,000 general fund appropriation for a request for proposal (RFP) concerning the implementation of a statewide wide area network. The agency contracted with federal engineering to complete the RFP which indicated the agency needs to create a statewide wide area network. The RFP allows the agency to receive best pricing on hardware infrastructure costs and brings economic development interest into the state by offering the possibility of high-speed broadband Internet accessibility to the private sector.

The following is a schedule of events related to the RFP:

Release of RFP to vendors	March 27, 2000
Vendor bidder's conference	April 7, 2000
Final questions due	May 19, 2000
Last RFP addendum (if any released to vendors)	May 24, 2000
Vendor bids received/opened	June 2, 2000
Bidder's presentation (if required)	June 20-21, 2000
Notice of intent to award	June 29, 2000
Vendor contract negotiated, approved, and awarded	July 31, 2000
Notice to proceed start of implementation	August 7, 2000