

Budget Worksession

MEMORANDUM

May 6, 2010

TO: County Council

FROM: Dr. Costis Toregas, Council IT Adviser 

SUBJECT: FY11 Operating Budget NDA for Interagency Technology Policy and Coordinating Committee (ITPCC), Section 67-9 in the Executive's Recommended Budget

The following are expected to attend:

Gary Thomas, ITPCC Staff

John Cuff, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Summary of MFP Committee recommendations:

1. The Committee voted 3-0 to recommend that the Council accept the Executive's recommended budget of \$5,000 for ITPCC.
2. Explore the possible budget impact of the CAO's Cross-Agency Resource Sharing initiative (CARS) on ITPCC's own budget in the IT arena (both short-term negative impact and, possibly, mid-term positive impact from savings)

The April 15, 2010 Committee packet is attached to this memorandum.

Summary of MFP Committee Discussions

The ITPCC is a cross-agency steering mechanism for IT projects and initiatives, composed of two groups:

ITPCC Principals:

Hercules Pinkney (Chair), MC
Tim Firestine, MCG
Jerry Weast, MCPS
Dr. Royce Hanson, M-NCPPC
Jerry Johnson, WSSC
Annie Alston, HOC
Steve Farber, Council Staff Director

CIO Subcommittee:

Dick Leurig (Chair), MC
Steven Emanuel, MCG
Sherwin Collette, MCPS
Henry Mobayeni, M-NCPPC
Paul Coverstone, WSSC
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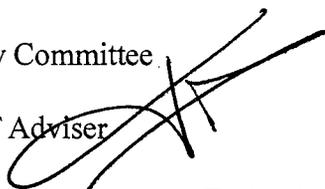
The final Work Program for ITPCC is under development and will be reviewed by the Committee in July 2010. An important report undertaken by ITPCC that summarizes each agency's IT Asset Replacement strategies will be issued in that timeframe as well. At that point, a fiscal determination can be made by the MFP Committee about the financial support possibly needed to undertake the consolidation projects within the Cross-Agency Resource Sharing initiative, as well as other important collaborative IT efforts.

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MEMORANDUM

April 13, 2010

TO: Management and Fiscal Policy Committee

FROM: Dr. Costis Toregas, Council IT Adviser 

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The following are expected to attend:

Gary Thomas, ITPCC Staff
John Cuff, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

The relevant page from the recommended FY11 operating budget is attached on ©1

Summary of Staff Recommendations

1. Accept the Executive's recommended budget of \$5,000.
2. Explore the possible budget impact of the CAO's Cross-Agency Resource Sharing initiative (CARS) on ITPCC's own budget in the IT arena (both short-term negative impact and, possibly, mid-term positive impact from savings)

Overview

For FY11, the Executive recommends a budget of \$5,000 for the important work of the ITPCC. Council **staff recommends the approval** of this amount. This sum matches the amount budgeted in FY10, and is intended to cover miscellaneous expenses associated with the convening of the ITPCC governance groups. They include:

ITPCC Principals:

Hercules Pinkney (Chair), MC
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Jerry Weast, MCPS
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This committee has been tasked with moving forward the ambitious agenda of the Cross-Agency Resource Sharing (CARS) initiative in the IT arena. The mandate for CARS is spelled out in a March 24, 2010 memo (on ©2-4) from the CAO to agency heads, and the ITPCC request to undertake the IT effort is on ©3. However, no resource allocation has been requested yet to support the operations of such an effort. It would be useful for the Committee to engage in a **discussion with ITPCC and OMB regarding this resource requirement**, and whether it is likely to become an issue for funding within FY11.

The Work Program for ITPCC is under development and will be reviewed by the Committee in the June/July 2010 timeframe. At that point, a fiscal determination can be made about the financial support needed to undertake the possible cross-agency projects.

	Expenditures	WYs
Eliminate: Parent Resource Center (PRC) Program	-48,160	0.0
Decrease Cost: Retiree Health Insurance Pre-funding	-105,440	0.0
Reduce: Additional Program Reductions	-195,240	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	5,884,040	0.0

Inauguration & Transition

The Montgomery County Charter provides for the quadrennial election of a County Executive and County Council. This NDA provides for a ceremony and smooth transition of the County Executive and County Council every four years.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	0	0.0
Add: Inauguration and Transition	50,000	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	50,000	0.0

Notes: This NDA is funded as FY11 is an election year.

Independent Audit

Section 315 of the County Charter requires the County Council to contract with a Certified Public Accountant for an independent post audit of all financial records and actions of the County, its officials, and employees. By County Resolution, the Office of Legislative Oversight is the designated administrator for this contract, which also includes an independent audit of the basic financial statement of the Employee Retirement Plans; additional services related to reviews, tests, and certifications; and audits of tax-funded expenditures by the independent Fire and Rescue Corporations.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	394,080	0.0
Increase Cost: New requirement to audit Union deferred compensation plan	25,000	0.0
Increase Cost: Annualization of FY10 Operating Expenses	11,820	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	430,820	0.0

Interagency Technology, Policy, & Coordinating Comm.

This NDA supports the operation of the Interagency Technology, Policy, and Coordination Committee (ITPCC). The ITPCC was chartered by the Montgomery County Council to promote strategic planning and coordination in the use of information technology among County agencies. The ITPCC reports biannually to the County Council. By regularly convening the agencies' chief executive and chief information officers, the ITPCC provides an effective forum for the coordinated implementation of technology policies and guidelines. Additionally, the ITPCC facilitates interagency communication, the evaluation and sharing of new technologies, and advises policy makers on the strategic uses of technology.

FY11 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	WYs
FY10 Approved	5,000	0.0
FY11 CE Recommended	5,000	0.0

Judges Retirement Contributions

This NDA provides pensions for retired Judges who were on the bench prior to 1968 in the Circuit Court and the People's Court (District Court) of Montgomery County and for their surviving spouses.

The Circuit Court pension is calculated at one percent of the net supplement paid by the County to the salaries of the Circuit Court Judges as of May 31, 1968, multiplied by the number of years of active service as a Judge (up to a maximum of 20 years). The surviving spouse receives one-half of the pension to which the Judge would have been entitled. The benefits are authorized in Section 12-10 of the Montgomery County Code.

The People's Court (District Court) pension is based on the current salary of a District Court Judge. A retired Judge receives 60 percent of the current salary of a District Court Judge, while a surviving spouse receives one-half of the pension to which the Judge would have been entitled. The benefits are authorized in Article 73B, Section 63(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland. This NDA may be increased to include a cost of living adjustment at a rate equal to that approved for District Court Judges by the General Assembly. If a cost of living adjustment is approved next fiscal year, the NDA will be adjusted as necessary by a year-end transfer.



OFFICES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Timothy L. Firestine
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

March 24, 2010

TO: Jerry Weast, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools
Hercules Pinkney, Interim President, Montgomery College
Royce Hanson, Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board
Jerry Johnson, General Manager, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
Steve Farber, Staff Director, Office of the County Council

FROM: Timothy L. Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Cross-Agency Resource-Sharing Committee

Thank you for your participation in the Cross-Agency Resource-Sharing discussion on February 3rd. These are difficult times and the financial challenges before us are significant. As we agreed, the current budget situation offers us an opportunity to reexamine the way in which County government functions in order to be more efficient and effective. This is a great opportunity to work together and reach an unprecedented level of collaboration and partnership towards structurally improving our long-term budget challenges. To this end, I am offering the following for your review and comments before we formalize this process:

Overall Purpose: The purpose of the Cross-Agency Resource Sharing Committee is to provide a forum for coordination among Montgomery County agencies that seeks to share ideas/best practices, develop potential resource-sharing strategies to achieve operational efficiencies, reduce costs, and improve the quality of services offered to our residents.

Organizational Framework: It is essential that we create a framework that encourages cooperation and collaboration among our employees involved in this process, and also leverages the expertise of our organizations in a manner that generates new and creative ideas and fosters strong working relationships among our agencies. Therefore, I propose a two-tier organizational framework that contains an Executive Committee that is accountable for achieving results in a timely and transparent fashion, and a number of workgroups that will apply their expertise to sharing ideas and generating solutions to pressing issues faced by all of our agencies.

Executive Committee: The executive Committee will be composed of the following members with the authority to convene meetings on a quarterly basis, provide direction and act on the recommendations of each of the workgroups, and render decisions on future action items. The Executive Committee will also appoint representatives from their agency to serve on each of the workgroups.

- Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer, Montgomery County Government
- Jerry Weast, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Hercules Pinkney, Interim President, Montgomery College
- Royce Hanson, Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board
- Jerry Johnson, General Manager, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
- Steve Farber, Staff Director, Office of the County Council

Workgroups: The workgroups will be composed of a representative from each of the agencies. Each workgroup will nominate a member to serve as the Workgroup Chair, who will have the responsibility of guiding overall efforts and reporting on the group's progress to the Executive Committee. The workgroups will meet on as-needed basis, to complete action items and foster the creation of new ideas.

Workgroups' Focus Areas: As we agreed at our February 3rd meeting, the initial cross-agency resources-sharing efforts will be focused on the following areas:

1. Information Technology – *utilize ITPCC*
2. Utilities – *utilize ICEUM*
3. Facilities Planning, Design, Construction and Maintenance
4. Procurement – *utilize IPACC*
5. Space Utilization
6. Fleet
7. Mailing, Printing and Document Management
8. Employees and Retirees Benefit Plans (health, retirement, etc.)
9. Administrative Functions (payroll, budget, finance, training, etc.)

Next Steps:

- By Friday, April 9th, members of the Executive Committee will come to agreement on the above-proposed organizational framework and workgroups' focus areas and designate representatives to serve on each of the eight workgroups.
- By the end of April, convene the first Cross-Agency Resource-Sharing Executive Committee kick-off meeting to provide direction and discuss the overall purpose, process and timelines for this effort. Select a chairperson for each of the workgroups.
- In order to encourage ideas from those with the greatest knowledge of their subject matter, initial action items and charge statements should be devised by each workgroup

and subsequently presented to the Executive Committee at its first quarterly update meeting. Each workgroup should generate a list of both short-term (able to complete within one year) and long-term action items that will focus the efforts of each group. In addition to preparing action items, each workgroup should create a specific charge statement to guide their efforts. These charge statements could change from year to year as the workgroups prioritize different aspects of their specific topic areas.

- On quarterly basis, the Executive Committee meets to receive updates, provide directions and discuss progress made by each workgroup.
- In addition, I suggest we reach out to the community at large (business, residential, non-profit) to seek their input and guidance in this effort.

I look forward to working with you on this initiative. Please review the above-proposed process, provide any comments/suggestions you have about the process, as well as the name of the representative you designate to serve on each of the eight workgroups to Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Fariba Kassiri via e-mail at Fariba.Kassiri@montgomerycountymd.gov by Friday, April 9th. Upon receipt, she will compile and send you a complete package and notify you of the date and time of our first Executive Committee kick-off meeting. She can be reached by phone at (240) 777-2512 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your help in this important effort. I believe we all see opportunities for greater efficiencies and I am hopeful that working together we can make these improvements for the good of our community.

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