

KEEP IN TOUCH

Kansas Enterprise Electronic Preservation

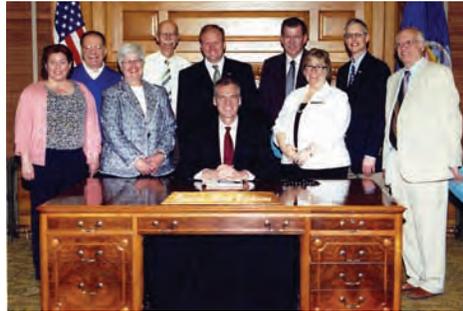
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Now for the Hard Part

The KEEP project development team is completing negotiations with three vendors for the development of policy framework and functional requirements; system design, build, and testing; and hardware. The contracts will be finalized in early May. Contractor IMERGE is very familiar with electronic records initiatives within Kansas State agencies. Another contractor, Propylon, is building the Kansas Legislative Information Services System. Pending receipt of additional funding, we will purchase hardware from Alexander Open Systems.

Preparing the RFP was a good exercise in finalizing the scope of the initial project but now we have to actually build the KEEP System. We are on a fast timeline—completion of the prototype by the end of 2010.

We will be forming a Stakeholder Advisory Group and two teams of subject matter experts (SME) in the near future. One group of SME will focus on policy/operational issues and the other will deal with technical issues. We hope you will be willing to be part of this important but challenging project if we contact you to participate.



HB 2195

House Bill 2195 was passed by the Kansas Legislature and was signed into law March 1, 2010, by Governor Mark Parkinson. This act relates to maintenance and certification of electronic records. A ceremonial bill signing was held April 8. Representative Mike Burgess, who introduced the legislation, members of the steering committee, and members of the project development team attended the ceremony. The bill amends several existing records laws and the bill

- authorizes the state archivist to recommend to the state records board standards for preserving and maintaining the authenticity of digital records;
- recognizes electronic records maintained in accordance with these standards as having full legal status (civil and criminal);
- and authorizes the state archivist to certify the authenticity of electronic records with his/her electronic signature.

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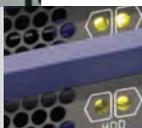
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The project will have a stakeholder advisory team and subject matter experts teams for policy/operational and technical issues

Photo above: Signing ceremony for HB 2195. Front row, left to right, Terri Clark, Pat Michaelis, Governor Mark Parkinson, Jennie Chinn, and Don Heiman; back row, left to right, Carey Brown, Joe Hennes, Mike Burgess, Bill Roth, and Matt Veatch.



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