

**IT INVESTMENT CAPITAL FUND
PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

To: Information Technology Strategy and Investment Committee
John Vittner, Office of Policy & Management

FROM:

AGENCY/PROJECT NAME: DOL / State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES)

PROJECT MANAGER:

REPORTING PERIOD: Project Inception through 12/31/2015

Total Funds Requested: \$ 298,206

Bond Commission Approval(s): Date: Sept. 2015 Amount: \$ 298,206

Accumulative Total Capital Fund Expenditures to Date: \$ 275,228.36

Brief Project Description/Summary: The CT SIDES Project implements the systems needed for Connecticut to participate in the State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) program. SIDES is an online system developed through a strategic partnership between the US Department of Labor and state unemployment insurance (UI) agencies that allows electronic transmission of UI information requests from state UI agencies to employers and/or Third Party Administrators (TPAs), as well as electronic transmission of responses containing the requested information back to the agencies. Connecticut is pursuing the development of this project as part of a national initiative to standardize employer communication. Forty-five (45) state UI agencies in the country are utilizing SIDES with the remaining states in the planning stages.

Summary of Progress Achieved to Date:

The Project is near the end of the Design Phase. Based on the completed requirements, the final points of the design are being locked down. The Test Strategy and Plan has been written, and test scripts are being developed for Unit, System, and User Acceptance testing. Also, regulation modifications have been reviewed by the Regulatory Committee.

Issues and Risks:

None.

Next Steps & Project Milestones:

We plan to enter the Construction Phase by late January and to enter the Test Phase by early April. Test scripts will be completed and testing preparations immediately follow. Training needs will be identified and planned.