

FY2015 IT Plan Highlights

366 PERA– Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico

Executive Summary:

1. The FY15 IT base budget will increase by \$50 to pay for additional IBM Websphere software support.
2. In FY14 a major technology project has started to replace all servers and to upgrade third party software for the mission critical pension administration system Retirement Information Online (RIO).
3. PERA maintains a full production and test environment in the Santa Fe data center and a Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity environment in the Albuquerque data center for the RIO system.

Agency Description:

1. PERA has 75 employees in the Santa Fe and Albuquerque offices. The FY14 IT operating budget is \$796.7 and the IT Unit has six staff members.
2. A 12 member board of trustees governs PERA.
3. PERA supports approximately 51,000 active members and 32,000 retirees.

Major IT Accomplishments of FY13:

- Implemented a new Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)
- Upgraded Two Servers for Board Minute/Contracts Document Imaging System
- Replaced 15 PCs

Changes in Federal or State of New Mexico Requirements with IT Impact:

Senate Bill 27 – Effective July 1, 2013, SB 27 establishes two tiers of benefits under each PERA coverage plan.

- TIER 1 Individuals who are retired members or members (i.e. currently employed, contributing employees of an affiliated public employer or individuals who have been, but are not currently, employed by an affiliated public employer who have not retired and who have not received a refund of member contributions) on June 30, 2013 are in Tier 1. State and Municipal General Members hired between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2013 are grandfathered into Tier 1 coverage plans.
- TIER 2 Individuals who are not retired members or members on June 30, 2013 (i.e. were first hired by a PERA employer on or after July 1, 2013) are in Tier 2.

Agency IT Strategic Goals:

- Goal 1: Replace hardware for mission critical pension administration system RIO. Replace all servers, storage and networking equipment.
- Goal 2: Upgrade third party software for mission critical pension administration system RIO. Upgrade IBM Websphere, IBM Filenet, Microsoft SQL Server, and Microsoft Office to the latest versions to ensure they are supported and patched for security.

Tactical actions – equipment and software:

Replace existing 29 TB and increase for growth to 60 TB

Project Name:

Retirement Information Online Upgrade in FY2014

- Replace existing hardware. This is in the Implementation phase and \$2.3 million has been approved by the Project Certification Committee.
- Upgrade third party software to the latest versions. This is in the Implementation phase and \$2.3 million has been approved by the Project Certification Committee.

IT Staff Training Plans

- Microsoft Office 2013
- Microsoft SQL Server 2012