

Data Center Consolidation and the Washington Statewide Data Center

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Due in large to the struggling economy, many state and local government entities are looking for ways to streamline operations. Some are turning to server virtualization, while others are implementing cloud computing practices. Several states, including Washington, are choosing to consolidate their data centers.

The state of Washington's Department of Information Services (**DIS**) has been working on a state data center that would move DIS services to a newly constructed - 60,000 square foot - statewide data center. Eventually, the data center will be the cornerstone of a streamlined, consolidated IT infrastructure.

DIS awarded a contract for consulting services to develop an implementation plan for the movement of the center to INX, Inc. (GovWin Opportunity [58798](#)) DIS is in the process of deciding how it will proceed with the implementation of the new data center. One option is a turnkey solution, which was presented in the form of a request for information (RFI) in May 2010 (GovWin Opportunity [58802](#)). The other options are to do an in-house implementation, or a hybrid of the two. The department anticipates releasing a request for proposals (RFP) in the near future for a consultant to aid in the development of the data center RFP.

This topic and more will be discussed at the [GovWin State and Local Executive Breakfast](#) on October 5, 2010.