



## Department of Information Services Kitsap County Courthouse

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### WSTPA Speaking Notes

**Question:** Technology achievements at Kitsap County resulting in job creation or providing economic vitality?

The primary focus for County Technology being aligned with economic development has been reducing the cost of technology for local government, thereby making Kitsap County a better place to live. The County also pro-actively looks for ways to reduce the amount of citizen traffic that needs to come to the Courthouse via Web services and applications. Given the transportation issues facing Kitsap County, even small changes make a difference.

#### What have we accomplished?

- County-Cities common Law & Justice Platform: Cost to support the platform (hardware and software) is reduced due to consolidation to one system. Cost for updates and new Fed/State services are also reduced. Kitsap County and Cities receive enhanced access to Fed/State services by virtue of interfacing with one system rather than five (county and four cities). Integrated Bio-metric ID System (IBIS) is now in pilot testing. The Kitsap County/Cities collaboration is held-up as an example in many Government-Technology forums.
- Enhancements and additions to the County Web Page: The primary objectives include:
  - Update Personal Property business tax on-line. King County has looked at two of our business models/systems for consideration in their operation
  - Make more meaningful/useful information available, i.e., GIS maps via a web browser
  - Tax Payments on-line
- Broadband:
  - County I/S worked with KPUD and Wave Cable to get off-campus County locations onto Fiber Network. Result is enhanced network capacity as well as reduced cost.
  - KRCC First Responder, Kit~Net: Key part of economic development includes ensuring a safe place for families to live. Combined efforts of KRCC Broadband, KPUD, Wave Cable, and County I/S allowed County Courthouse to gain access to Fiber Network at a substantially reduced cost. Creating and expanding Kit~Net is a significant opportunity to improve First Responder capabilities.

**Future Projects:** Strategic theme is Collaboration and Cost Reduction

- GIS
  - Cencom, County, Cities; Situs Addressing, significant effort to improve public safety (get fire/police to the right address) with the main focus being business process
  - County-Cities/Tribes/Fire Districts shared GIS staff and system resource; County act as facilitator to host a GIS resource with full access to County layers of data. Opportunity for smaller organizations to begin or enhance GIS services without having to make a major commitment and investment.
  - Intergraph (911 – Law & Justice system) enhancements that provide more accurate information while also reduce the “silo’s” of data that consume resources to keep updated
  
- Network
  - 3G Cell (750k) for Law & Justice patrol cars
  - Video Arraignment and Court Document Signature
  - Wireless, BPL (Broadband over Power Line) “No child left off-line”
  
- Disaster Recovery: Shared approach with Cities, CenCom, KPUD, and NOA-Net. If we all go down the path together, we can all save money.
  
- Public/Private Partnership: working with companies like Paladin to develop systems and applications that reduce the total cost of government services. Working with Wave Cable and KPUD to economically expand the government fiber backbone.