

Connecting the Goal to Action

Representative Initiatives for Goal Five*



e-Citizenship Project

This effort establishes an enhanced statewide access policy. As part of this effort assistance is provided to local governments to develop Web sites, working with the Universities, students receive credit for developing local government web sites. Additionally, MDIT will automate required reporting to the state, identify and eliminate database redundancies across government agencies, and develop more universal e-transactions and processing.

MPSCS 800 MHz System

The MPSCS is a statewide 800 MHz radio system designed to provide interoperability between state, local and federal emergency services. The baseline system is designed for voice communications and consists of 196 tower sites around the state providing for 97 percent mobile coverage. More than 29,500 radios rely on MPSCS with over half the radios used by local government first responders.

Michigan Digital Government Summit

This annual fall event fosters discussion and dialogue on the use of IT as a strategic tool for managers, executives and policy makers throughout state and local government. Summit topics include new technologies; digital government trends; best practices; cross-jurisdictional collaboration; and policies and standards. This has been held for the past three years with over 400 participants in 2005.

Technology Tri-Corridor

This effort builds upon the success of the Life Sciences Corridor by incorporating advanced automotive technologies and the emerging business sector of homeland security. This allows Michigan to broaden its scope of technology and innovation while continuing to build on our state's already strong industry sectors. These three sectors can leverage grant money and support crossover research.

I-Services

A data sharing initiative moving towards Phase II in FY06 that allows criminal justice agencies to share data with the creation of a state managed Data Warehouse. Many federal, state, and local agencies are currently participating and discussions are occurring with bordering states to link large scale state systems together for the same purpose.

*See Appendix B for a complete list of initiatives

Public Safety Communications System

About 100 state and local law enforcement officers who traveled from Michigan to Louisiana to lend a hand in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath needed a way to communicate amongst themselves and with Louisiana officials. State of the art radios from the Michigan Public Safety Communications System allowed them to do just that.

MPSCS technician Rick Lewis traveled cross country with state troopers to program Louisiana's radio system into Michigan's 800 MHz digital radios so they could communicate.

"The officers were deployed and we were able to communicate with them from our mobile command unit," Michigan State Police Lt. Patrick Richard said. "It was clear as day. It made our job all that much easier."