Report to the Kansas Legislative Coordinating Council
Kansas Virtual Statehouse Project
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Project Update:

1. Implementation of the video conference systems in the Statehouse 13 committee rooms and the House and Senate Chambers is underway. The committee rooms and chamber systems at this time are on track to be completed by start of the 2021 Legislative Session.
   a. There are some critical items to complete for the systems to be ready for session:
      i. Installation of data connections in wiring closets to connect systems to the network.
      ii. Completion of the committee room audio upgrades and integration with the video conference systems.
      iii. Integration of Webex with the Legislature’s Active Directory system for user authentication.

2. Implementation of the 10 conference rooms and Visitor Center systems will be completed during the month of January 2021.

Statehouse Infrastructure Update:

1. Network Switch Upgrades: OITS has completed the project to upgrade the Statehouse network switches. The switches have been tested by KLOIS staff and are now in service. This upgrade provides 10Gb bandwidth between network switches throughout the Statehouse.

2. Legislative Firewall Upgrade: The Legislative firewall should be completed this week. This upgrade provides 10GB bandwidth through the firewalls.

3. Audio System Upgrades: The audio systems in the committee rooms and House and Senate chambers is in progress. This work was delayed due to equipment shipping delays. The video conference system audio integration work is expected to be completed the week of 1/4/2021.

4. Committee Room Cabling: OITS has completed the wiring in the committee rooms for the video conference systems cameras, monitors, and control consoles. They are currently installing data connections in the wiring closets to connect the video conference systems to the network. This work is scheduled to be completed on 12/31/2020.