# **Core Banking Business System Renewal Project**

A report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government



"There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the State...[a] Treasurer of State...."

**Oregon Constitution** 

"The State Treasurer is designated the sole banking and cash management officer for the state..."

ORS 293.875

#### What Does It Mean for State Government?

- Treasury provides banking services to all state agencies and most public universities
- All state accounts at financial institutions are owned by Treasury
- ↑ All payments to/from state agencies flow through Treasury
- ↑ Most of the state's operating funds (\$20B+/-) are invested by Treasury through the Oregon Short Term Fund



#### What Does It Mean for Local Government?

- ↑ All transfers between local governments and state agencies, including federal pass thru funds, flow through Treasury
- ^ More than 1,000 local governments hold funds (\$11B+/-) in the Oregon Short Term Fund



### What Does It Mean for Oregonians?

- ↑ All payments to/from state agencies flow through Treasury, including
  - ↑ Tax collections/refunds
  - Public benefit/insurance payments
  - Child support collections/payments
  - PERS benefit payments
  - Bonded debt payments
  - Vendor payments
  - State agency and most public university payroll



# In 2020 Treasury Processed 31.3M Banking Transactions Totaling \$317B

# Cash Management Program

- Optimizes use of cash for state agencies, local governments, and certain public universities
- Provides physical and electronic banking products and services
- Protects public funds
- ↑ Ensures compliance with statutory, regulatory, and industry requirements
- ↑ Maintains and communicates financial information to stakeholders and customers (Core Banking Infrastructure)



#### **Core Banking Infrastructure**

- Demand Deposit Account System
  - ↑ Provides an account structure for transaction posting, balance and transaction reporting, interest and fee calculation and reporting, and general ledger accounting and reporting for all funds in the OSTF
  - State of Oregon's banking book of record
  - ↑ Purchased commercial-off-the-shelf system (Phoenix) in late 1990s
  - Internally supported day-to-day
  - Ongoing maintenance contract with external partners for updates, catastrophic support needs, etc.



#### **Core Banking Infrastructure**

- Middleware applications and processes
  - Support transaction entry, querying, and report creation
  - Accommodate Oregon-specific requirements
  - ↑ Internally developed primarily in late 1990s
  - Internally supported day-to-day
  - ↑ Internally supported for updates, catastrophic support needs, etc.



### **Core Banking Infrastructure**

- Does NOT generate/facilitate payment transactions
- Ather, when transactions are created or received via other systems, the Core Banking infrastructure intakes related file data that updates accounts at Treasury
- ▲ Agency and public university customers generally do NOT interact directly with this infrastructure



### **Stage Gate – Origination**

- ^ Mid-2020 through CY 2022 Q4
  - Treasury remains at this stage
  - Purposeful decision to hold formal charter in order to focus on other in-flight projects and customer needs during initial pandemic period
  - Related RFI was issued in July 2020
  - AFI responses and ongoing security, stability, and strategy discussions have helped narrow planned approach with intent to focus primarily on two Phoenix-centric approaches



#### **Stage Gate – Initiation**

- Anticipated to begin CY 2022 Q4 or 2023 Q1
  - ↑ Formal charter, stakeholder definition, validate high-level objectives and major project risks, and designate appropriate project management and oversight actors
  - ← Funds may be necessary for project management, business analysis, or related activities, but Treasury does not anticipate requesting additional expenditure limitation during 2021-23 biennium
  - ↑ Anticipate remaining in Initiation stage through duration of 2021-23 biennium, with stage gate endorsement ideally by end of CY 2023 Q2



#### Stage Gate – Resource & Solution Analysis/Planning

- Anticipated to begin sometime after CY 2023 Q2
  - ↑ Relevant complexity and duration of this stage will be informed by ability to use Phoenix-centric approach or not
  - ↑ Stage gate endorsement could come as soon as CY 2023 Q3, but will be informed by relevant inputs, including dialogue with potential Phoenix-centric vendors during this and earlier stages



## Stage Gate – Implementation Planning

- Could begin as soon as CY 2023 Q3 depending on prior stages
  - ↑ This is the point where funds authority may become necessary in order to enter final contract negotiation with a vendor(s)
  - Any funding requirements are anticipated to be significantly reduced from initial expectations if Phoenix-centric approach continues to be pursued



#### **Stage Gate – Execution**

- → Defined by earlier stages, unlikely to begin before CY 2023 Q3
  - ↑ If Phoenix-centric approach is supported, one-time execution costs are anticipated to be minimal compared to original placeholder package
  - ↑ Depending on selected alternative, vendor-driven costs may be primarily limited to change in ongoing maintenance and administrative costs rather than significant one-time expenses
  - Additional costs will include those for project management, quality assurance/control activities, and assignment of internal personnel for project planning, implementation, and operational purposes



#### Wrap-up

- ↑ Intend to pursue a narrowed Phoenix-centric approach based on initial market responses, as well as security, stability, and strategic considerations
- → Will remain in Origination and Initiation stages during remainder of current biennium
- Accource and Solution Analysis/Planning, Implementation Planning, and Execution stages during 2023-25 biennium (Execution may cross into next biennium)
- ^ No additional limitation requests this biennium
- ▲ 2023-25 limitation requests anticipated to be less than original placeholder package





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