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Report on HECC Modernization Project: Lifelong Educational Advancement Resource Network (LEARN)

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What is the HECC Modernization Project?

The Lifelong Educational Advancement Resource Network (LEARN) exists to develop, implement, and support a fully integrated, cohesive, and efficient IT solution to meet the HECC's evolving and growing needs.

It grew out of HECC's IT Strategic Goal to move its multiple, disparate systems into a single, integrated platform to the extent possible and a need to replace aging and failing systems.

Phase 2 & 3 Overview

The HECC Modernization Project is initially working to replace three separate aging and failing core legacy systems:

1. ETPL (Eligible Training Provider List System) – Planned Go-Live March 10, 2025

   - The core system leveraged to provide a comprehensive list of training providers and programs that are eligible to serve participants receiving funding from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs.

2. FAMIS (Financial Aid Management Information System)

   - The core system leveraged to administer student financial aid for higher education and manage all associated fiscal processes for grants and scholarships.

3. PCSVets (Private Career Schools and Office of Degree Authorization)

   - The core system leveraged to administer Private Career School (PCS) licensure, teacher registration, and private college degree program authorization.

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Since we last reported...Progress includes:

- Finalized Contract with Slalom, including defining Scope of Project
- Completed High-Level Design for LEARN system
- Completed Project Discovery
- Nearing completion of Data Conversion for OWI and in the process of writing Test Scripts
- Established portal for external customers
- Established Organizational Change Network
- Well-positioned to finish ETPL system by March

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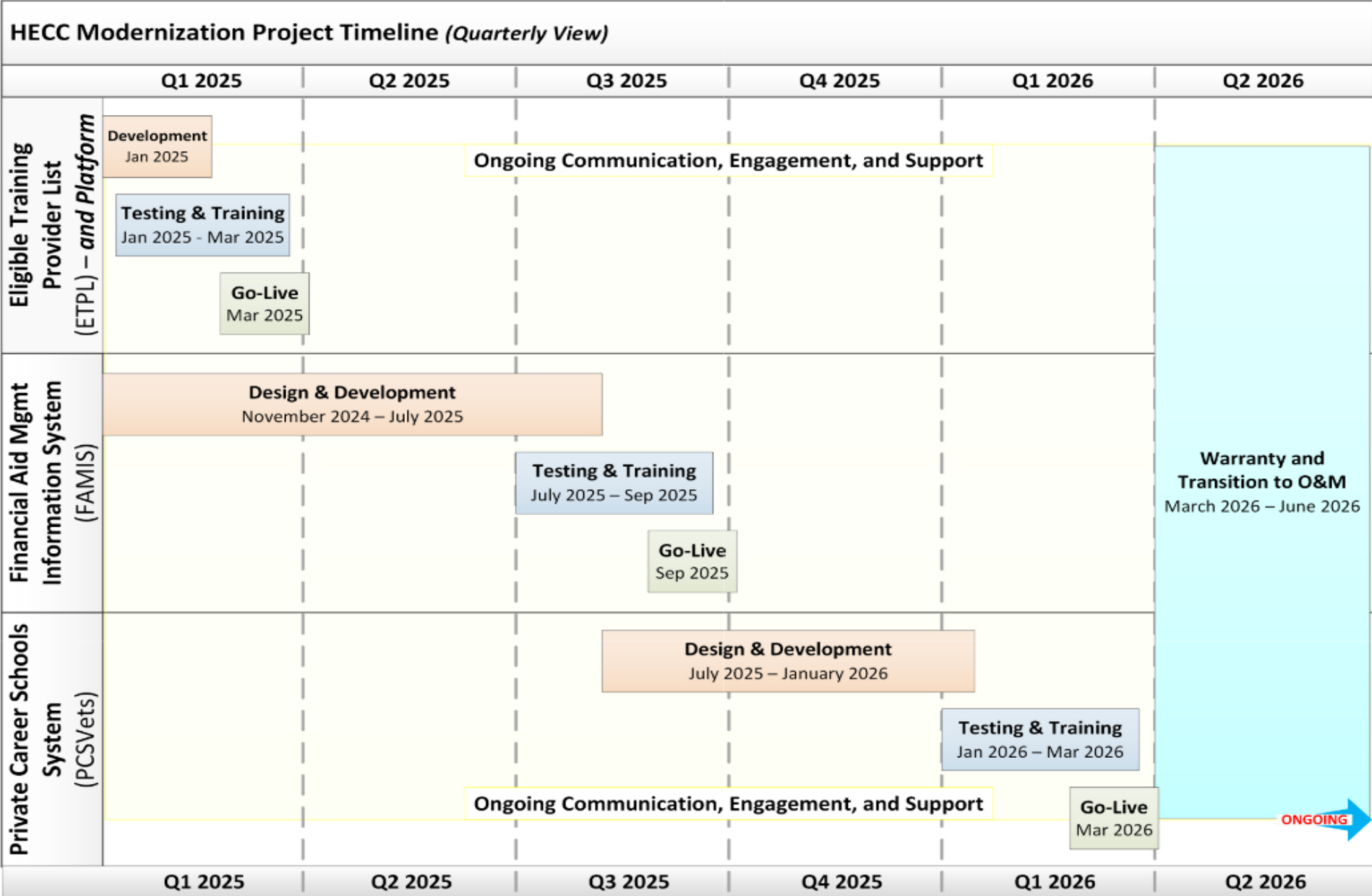COMMISSION

Lessons Learned by Slalom and HECC

Slalom:

- The project is more complex than originally understood and will require a significant increase in investment from Slalom in FTE (estimated need for developers has increased from 4 to 19 FTE)

HECC:

- HECC's project design has included too many approval layers and needed to be streamlined to support speedy progress
- HECC needs to do some internal work to simplify its administrative processes before building them into the new system (APA)

Project Timeline

HECC Modernization Project Timeline *(Quarterly View)*

	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026

Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) – and Platform
- Development — Jan 2025
- Ongoing Communication, Engagement, and Support
- Testing & Training — Jan 2025 - Mar 2025
- Go-Live — Mar 2025

Financial Aid Mgmt Information System (FAMIS)
- Design & Development — November 2024 – July 2025
- Testing & Training — July 2025 – Sep 2025
- Go-Live — Sep 2025

Private Career Schools System (PCSVets)
- Design & Development — July 2025 – January 2026
- Testing & Training — Jan 2026 – Mar 2026
- Ongoing Communication, Engagement, and Support
- Go-Live — Mar 2026
- ONGOING

Warranty and Transition to O&M — March 2026 – June 2026

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Policy Option Package 101 will allow for completion of project

- HECC's Policy Option Package 101 is included in the Governor's Recommended Budget

- It provides funding to complete the deferred scope for the LEARN project (consolidation of the three systems), as well as planning and design for the next phase (agency-wide grant management).

- Cost of the POP is $5.8M in Q-bonds and $2,165,000 GF and includes 4 FTE for 2025-27.

- Because of increased investment by vendor, negotiations for Phase Three likely will be more difficult and more expensive.

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Questions or Comments about HECC Modernization?

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