

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$7,018,780 in general funds to support the Information Technology (IT) Modernization Fund. These funds will be used to continue preparations to replace some of the state's most critical and at-risk information systems and finish updating the current time-keeping system for state employees.

IT Modernization Projects

The Governor is recommending transferring \$5,000,000 in general funds to the IT Modernization Fund within the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT). This is a systematic approach to replace the state's software application technology that has become both difficult and costly to support and to improve the digital access to state agency information for the public.

The bureau will utilize this funding to prioritize projects that will improve the state's security, increase efficiencies in technological bottlenecks, and support state agency needs to deliver services to South Dakota, such as the Workforce Management System.

Workforce Management System

The Governor is recommending a transfer of \$2,018,780 in general funds to the IT Modernization Fund to update and replace the current payroll and time-keeping system for state employees. The project started on July 1, 2023, and is expected to be completed by June 30, 2026.

The first two of the three phases of the project have already started as these phases were previously funded. This transfer will cover the final project phase. The recommended funding will be transferred into the IT Modernization Fund to ensure consistency with the previous two project phases.

