

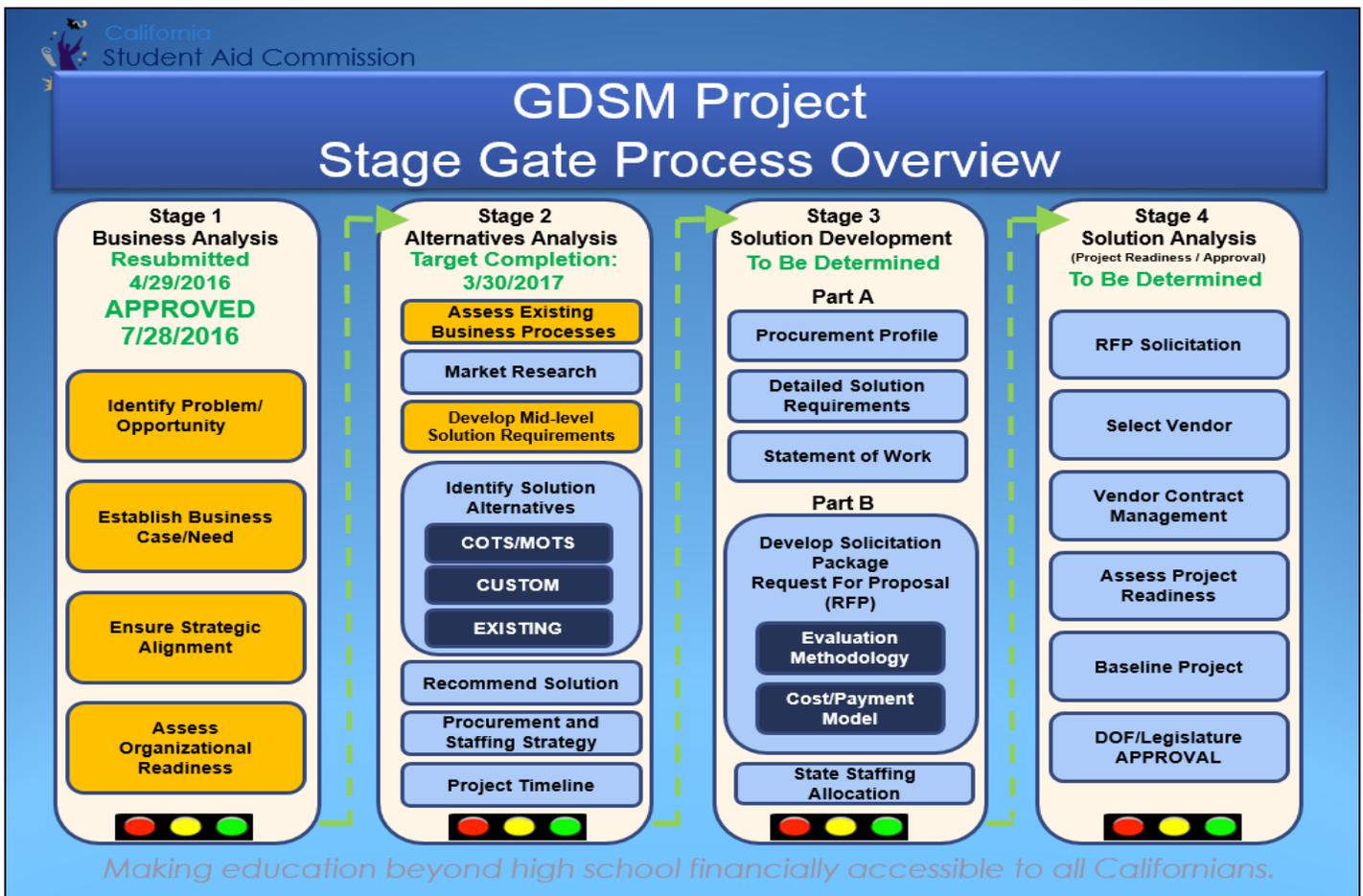
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Information Item

Update on the Grant Delivery System Modernization Project

SUMMARY:

The Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM) Project Team continues to work with the California Department of Technology (CDT), following the state’s newly adopted Stage/Gate planning process. GDSM received CDT approval on July 28, 2016 for the resubmitted Stage 1 Business Analysis. The Stage 2 Alternatives Analysis (S2AA) Kick-Off was conducted with CDT in August 2016 and Stage 2 is officially underway as planned. A procurement is underway for a Consultant to complete the CDT prescribed activities of both Stages 2 and 3. The Stage 2 target completion is estimated at March 30, 2017 at which time a more accurate estimate of the GDSM Project Cost, Schedule and Scope will be known.



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RECOMMENDATION:

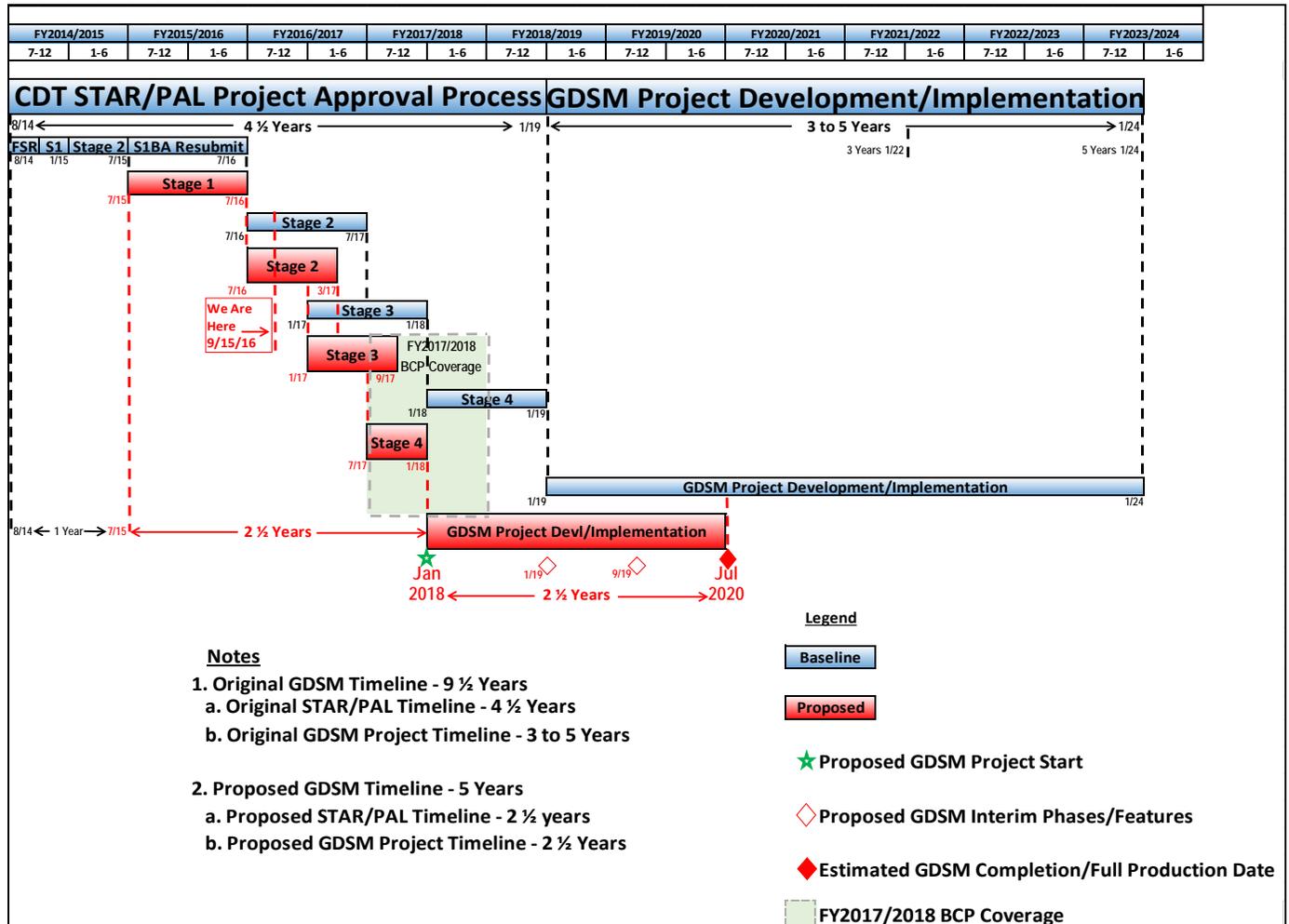
Staff will continue to provide updates to the Commission as work on Stage 2 and Stage 3 of the GDSM Project proceeds.

BRIEF HISTORY OF KEY ISSUE(S):

CSAC started planning the GDSM Project in 2013-14 because the demands on the current Grant Delivery System (GDS) exceed the program-delivery and security capabilities of its thirty-year-old technology. The GDSM Project continues to look for ways to accelerate the Stage/Gate planning process and begin the GDSM Project Development sooner.

ANALYSIS:

The GDSM Project will be submitting a FY2017/2018 BCP to support the proposed accelerated GDSM timeline shown below:



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Since not all of the FY2016/2017 funding we requested to complete Stage 2 and Stage 3 was approved, we are redirecting internal resources to GDSM Project tasks, and have informed the Department of Finance of this approach.

Further, during Stage 2 (and upcoming in Stage 3), we have begun reaching out to representatives from the student groups, segments, institutions, financial aid administrators, high school districts and campuses, other student aid partners and interested organizations for their input on the GDSM Project. The functions of the modernized system must be identified and finalized during Stages 2 and 3. Stage 3 will involve drafting an RFP to find a Systems Integrator/Solution Provider to build the modernized system, based on the functionality identified and finalized in Stages 2 and 3.

We are targeting completion of Stage 2 by March 30, 2017, but, in any event, no later than June 30, 2017, the end of this fiscal year.

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