

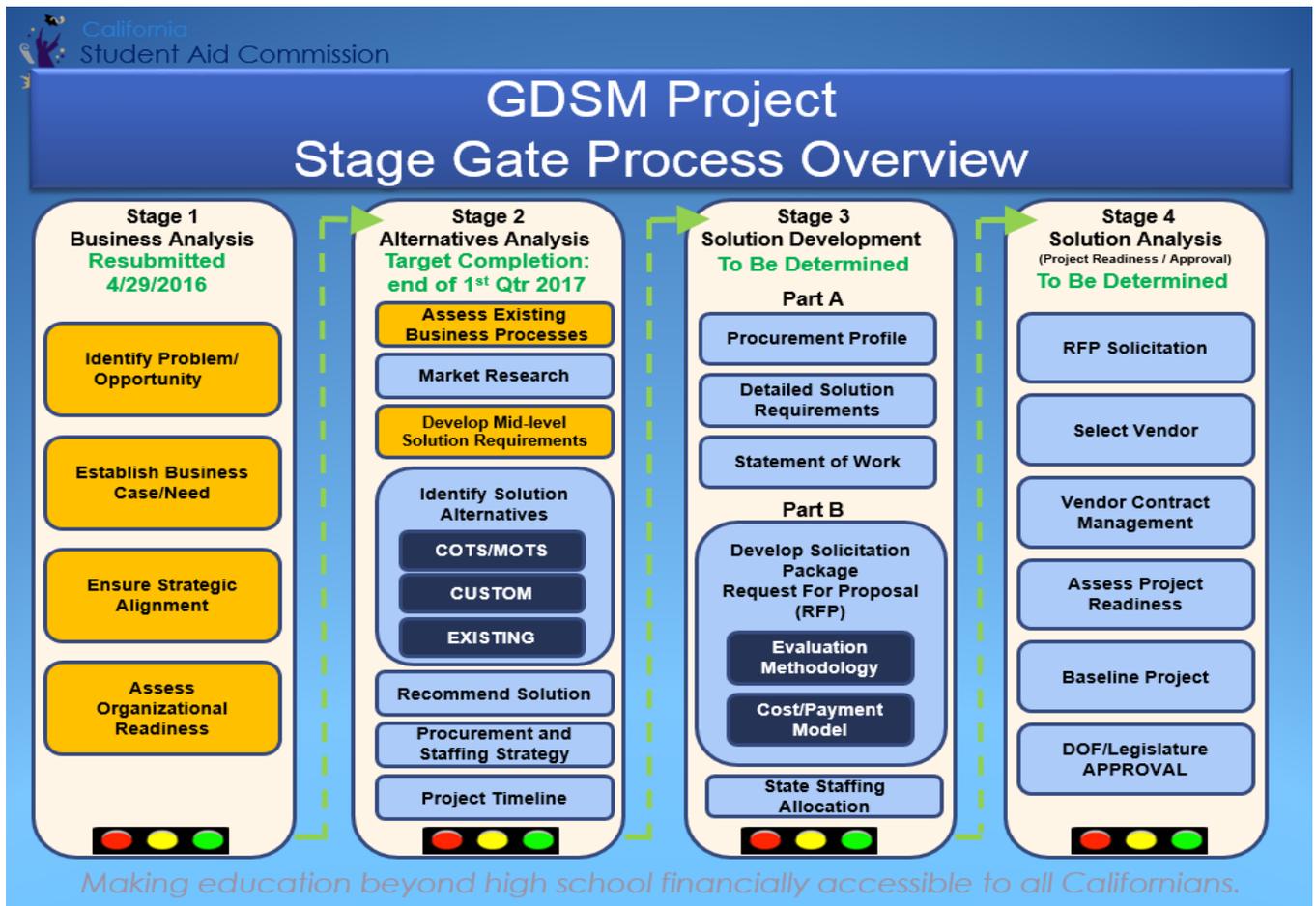
Item 6

Information Item

Update on the Grant Delivery System Modernization Project

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE(S):

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 resubmitted the Stage 1 Business Analysis on April 29, 2016 as planned for CDT approval (approval expected no later than June 30, 2016). GDSM has started two components of Stage 2 and with approval to proceed, will complete the Stage 2 Alternatives Analysis with a targeted completion by the end of the first quarter 2017 with funding provided by the State Budget and internal resources.



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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. With State funding for the current year, 2015-16, we have completed and are waiting for CDT's approval of Stage 1.

We submitted a budget change proposal for funding to complete Stage 2 (Alternatives Analysis) and Stage 3 (Solution Development) in the next fiscal year, 2016-17. The Governor's May Revision proposed some of the funding we requested for the GDSM Project, and also proposed some of the funding we requested to mitigate security risks in GDS. As of the date this item is being drafted, both the Assembly and Senate budget subcommittees have agreed to the Governor's proposed funding for the GDSM Project and for security mitigation.

ANALYSIS:

In anticipation of funding in 2016-17, the GDSM Project has begun drafting the required Stage 2 procurement items, including Requests for Offer and Statements of Work to position CSAC for the necessary consulting services requested in anticipation of the initial Stage 2 activities.

Since not all the funding we requested to complete Stage 2 and Stage 3 was approved, we are considering redirecting internal resources to GDSM Project tasks.

Further, we will be 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 during Stage 2. The functions of the modernized system must be identified and finalized during Stage 2. Stage 3 will involve drafting an RFP to build the modernized system, based on the functionality identified in Stage 2.

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

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