

Executive Director's Corner

I've been in the Executive Director's saddle since December 2018 and it is an absolute privilege to tackle something like this for our great state. We are focused on continuing to improve how, what and to whom we communicate relevant news to you...our stakeholders. Like any professional organization, we are always reflecting and trying to get better.



All agencies and programs have been waiting to see how decision packages would ultimately be resourced and One Washington is no exception. We are thankful for the Legislature's continued support of this systems modernization and business transformation effort.

We are currently reviewing the [legislative budget](#) to assess impacts so we can scale our scope, schedule and budget accordingly. We'll communicate an update to agency-level steering committees and project teams possibly as early as the end of May.

In the meantime, we've been aggressively pursuing three priorities:

1. Our own program readiness
2. Helping agencies to prepare for One Washington
3. Organizational change management

Everything you see coming from our program is generally tied back to one of these priorities.

One of the early realizations I've had is that we are working for all state agencies, boards and commissions, to modernize administrative business systems, so that our state colleagues can ultimately direct more focus to their mission. This is exciting.

As a leader and representative of this program, I am extending an invitation to you -- should you have any questions or just want to chat about what we are doing, please feel free to contact me directly at any time at vann.smiley@ofm.wa.gov or 360.902.0629. We're located on the second floor of the Helen Sommers Building.



New Program Director

Matthew Meacham joined One Washington on January 7th, 2019 and serves as the Program Director. Matthew is focused primarily on building out our own capabilities to deliver and to support impacted agencies. Matthew is passionate about public service and shared some thoughts he’s developed during his 13 years of state service:

“Individuals don’t get things done in government, TEAMS do. TEAMS = more than the sum of the parts. I enjoy

collaborating with others on the team to find better ways of getting results. It is always important to listen to others, respect other perspectives and get creative on solutions. If it was easy it would already be done! And, we have to have courage to see change through to the end.” Asked why he wants to work with One Washington, Matthew states, “I strongly believe that the One Washington goal of bringing modern, effective management tools to our state will help agencies deliver great services to the people of Washington. I want to be part of making that happen!”

We're not blazing the trail alone!



Heard any talk on the grapevine about the new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system being implemented by the Canadian province of Alberta? [Their modernization effort](#) for finance functionality sounds pretty interesting, especially the pace at which they’re planning implementation. Not too dissimilar to Washington, the 2016 census estimate put Alberta’s population at just over four million residents. We’re making inquiries about approach, process and timeline. We’ll keep you posted as we learn more about what and how Alberta has achieved its goals, but for now there are no published changes to the One Washington timeline. We’re also looking at implementations that are either planned, underway or recently completed in [California](#), [Idaho](#), Massachusetts, Michigan, [Nevada](#), North Carolina, [Wisconsin](#) and [Virginia](#).



Approved!

As the One Washington effort turned the corner from planning to project status, we’ve continued to collaborate with the state Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) on the [information technology investment plan](#), which is now [approved](#) and available!

We recently made a major redesign of our [monthly status report](#) to the OCIO. Click the link, scroll to “Other Documents,” and look for “Status Report” by date. If there’s information missing from the report that would add value for you, we’re interested!

Please send your comments to onewa@ofm.wa.gov.