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Information Management Summary

In my briefing I will explain why it is a matter of urgency to decide on who is Fermilab's CIO equivalent or Senior Information Management Executive. I present the reasons why I feel this must be addressed now. The current activities of a CIO equivalent are decentralized at Fermilab and split between various AD's. The distribution of DOE material/documents and requests is often misdirected. Fermilab responses are not often coordinated among the appropriate Subject Matter Experts resulting in last minute fire drills to produce acceptable and correct flawed response to the DOE. These activities are complex politically sensitive issues that could effect our budget and the mission of the laboratory.

I believe that if a decision is not made soon, this could result in situations that are very politically sensitive and embarrassing to Fermilab. It may also effect future funding for the Computing Division and well as the Laboratory and failure of future IM/IT reviews and audits.

I would like to bring to your attention that there is great opportunity but challenging work for the Computing Division in concert with the AD's and other Divisions to manage IM/IT within Fermilab. The reasons I believe this would be very beneficial to Fermilab are in the continued success of the Fermilab scientific mission without additional use of undo resources due to additional DOE requirements. I also believe that successful coordination and communication, both internally and externally, will continue to prove Fermilab a leader in computing and high energy physics.

In order to get started, this will require formal designation of a CIO equivalent or Senior Information Management Executive at Fermilab and central coordination of all IM/IT activities and issues.

I would like to bring your attention to the IM/IT activities and issues in the attached briefing, particularly those on the watch list.

IM/IT Coordination activities have resulted not only in costs savings to Fermilab by eliminating unnecessary resources to meet additional requirements but to recognition by Senior Laboratory management, DOE, SC and other National Laboratories.

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