

1 Q. RE: p. B-61 Purchase Additional Corporate Applications (\$517,000)

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3 42.1 Has the Technology, Planning and Integration section finalized the
4 information technology strategic plan that was referred to in the
5 response to PUB 66.0 of the 2001 Capital Budget? If so, provide plan.

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7 42.2 If no information technology strategic plan has been identified, what
8 areas of business have been targeted as being most likely to benefit
9 from the streamlining, enhancement, and automation of business
10 functions? Have any possible savings been identified as a result of
11 these improvements?

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14 A. 42.1 The technology strategic plan referred to in response to PUB 66.0 of
15 the 2001 Capital Budgets has not been finalized. The architectural
16 portion of the plan is scheduled to be completed by October 2001.
17 The application overview portion of the strategic plan will be
18 completed by December 2001.

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20 42.2 Hydro has targeted two main areas as being most likely to benefit
21 from the streamlining, enhancement and/or automation of business
22 functions:

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- 24 1. Knowledge, communication and collaboration tools
25 2. Business Solution Assessment of JDE Implementation.

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27 Both of these target areas are in the planning stages. The
28 assessments will focus on the following as a minimum:

- 1 i) Identification and resolution of existing issues;
- 2 ii) Cost savings through productivity improvements;
- 3 iii) Identification of knowledge gaps which may be resolved through
- 4 additional training;
- 5 iv) New technology awareness and
- 6 vi) New software functionality awareness.
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- 8 No savings have been identified as the assessment is not completed.