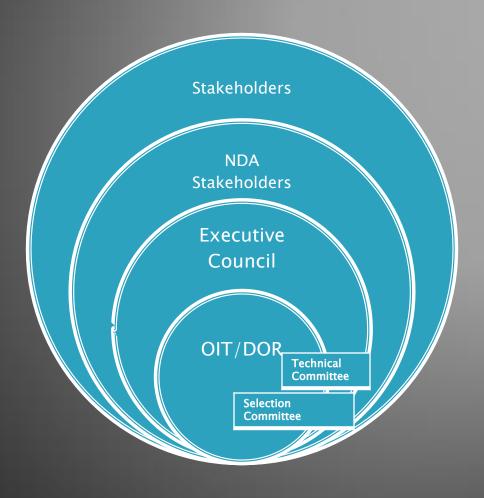
SB6 Stakeholder Consortium Executive Council

Background

- In April, 2019, <u>SB19-006</u> became law. The bill, put forward by the Sales and Use Tax Simplification Task Force, authorizes the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) with assistance from the Department of Revenue (DOR), to oversee the development of an electronic sales and use tax simplification system.
- SB19-006 ("SB6" or "SUTS" software) has two parts: One is the "GIS software" which would give users the sales and use tax information associated with a specific address in Colorado, so they would know what to collect, and the other part is the "remittance software" which businesses would use to have a single portal to file and remit the sales and use taxes they collect.
- SB6 required OIT DOR to engage stakeholders in developing the scope of work for this new software system. SB6 also required that OIT oversees the selection of a software vendor for the remittance software. OIT has engaged a larger group of stakeholders who are on an SB6 Selection Committee to help OIT with the negotiations and procurement, which has to follow strict State procurement regulations.
- Recognizing the significant impact and benefits of this new system on all Colorado municipalities, counties, special districts, and businesses, DOR/OIT are committed to continuing this process of collaboration. We are inviting the Stakeholders to work with us from start-up to delivery, ongoing maintenance, and through continuous improvement of the system.
- DOR|OIT believe that by building a *consortium* from the beginning of the project and maintaining this key group of representatives throughout the process, we can ensure the delivery of a highly functional system that will serve everyone's needs. The Consortium is an unofficial collaboration between vested parties with representatives chosen from OIT, DOR, Municipalities, Counties, Special Districts, Businesses, Legislature and related organizations.

Stakeholder Consortium



Executive Council Representation

- Home Rule Municipalities: Colorado Municipal League (CML) will select two representatives.
- Counties: Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) will select two representatives. Counties and Commissioners Acting Together will select one representative.
- Special Districts: Special District Association (SDA), will select one representative with DOR.
- Businesses: The Colorado Chamber of Commerce and Simplify Colorado will each choose one representative from the business community.
- Legislators: The Joint Technology Committee of the General Assembly will choose one representative.
- Agency: OIT DOR will have representation that can support the Council as to what is possible and feasible to help inform their recommendations. SB6 was clear that the SUTS software is the responsibility of OIT DOR so that these agencies must be able to have certain powers over implementation that may not be feasible or practical.
- Support: DOR|OIT will bring subject matter experts, as well as legal, procurement and other representation that the Executive Council may need to inform their discussion.

Executive Council Duties and Responsibilities

- The Executive Council will meet on a regular basis.
- Deliberate on issues arising from the project that will need perspectives from members who are currently operating within the boundaries of multiple taxing jurisdictions.
- Prioritize and give strategic input on issues that affect both taxing authorities and the business customer.
- Advise on data collection and potential enhancements in the future.
- Recommend solutions to conflicts between multijurisdictional boundaries.
- Review and suggest solutions for issues critical to project success.
- Monitor progress against the project management plan.
- Presents decisions to and with OIT|DOR who in turn report the progress and improvements to SUTS Task Force, JTC, and at the Smart Act Hearings.

Administrative/Logistics

- Length of term: One & Two years/staggered
- Voting: Must be present (Conf. Calls included)
- Absentee: 3 times absent, must vacate
- Associations replace the Council member
- Meeting times/locations/next mtg. date