

IM/IT Strategy

The Reality

Most organizations have Information Technology (IT) systems that have evolved over time in response to the changing needs of their various business users. Too often, these systems have developed with no overall plan to satisfy the diverse requirements of end-users.

IT systems are key assets, which allow an organization to meet its Information Management (IM) needs. Satisfying these needs plays a critical role in the ongoing success of an organization.

While many organizations recognize the value of IT Strategic Planning, few have the resources internally to create a comprehensive plan that is up-to-date with the ever changing demands on their IT systems. Without a strategic plan to guide IT investments, expenditures are often misdirected, as the cost and complexity of IT systems increases faster than the corresponding return on organizational investment.

The Solution

Drawing on extensive consulting experience, Plato Consulting Inc. (Plato) can provide the expertise that your organization needs to create and implement a comprehensive IT Strategy. Plato can provide support, as required, through each of the following phases of the process.

Functional Analysis – Plato's Business Analysts will work with you to assess your organization's business requirements. They will analyze your business processes to determine the IM requirements. Through consultation with your management team, Plato will identify your organization's goals as they relate to the IM and IT systems.

IM/IT Systems Analysis – Plato's Systems Analysts will perform a comprehensive assessment of your IT systems and resources. The objectives identified in the previous phase will be the central focus of their work. Drawing on their understanding and experience, the team will create a high-level system design that efficiently and effectively satisfies all

objectives. Finally, they will conduct a gap analysis of both the existing infrastructure and the new IT system requirements.

IT Strategic Planning – Starting with the results of the gap analysis, Plato will work with your management team to create a comprehensive IT Strategic Plan that describes the steps required to transition your IT systems from their current state to the more robust and cost-effective system outlined in the previous phase. This roadmap will guide your organization's IT investments, so that each step taken by your IT staff is consistent with the overall strategic plan.

Procurement – If your strategic plan includes procurement through a Request for Information (RFI) or a Request for Proposals (RFP), Plato can work with you to create a document that will help you attract detailed and appropriate proposals from qualified vendors. In addition, Plato can assist in the evaluation process once submissions have been received.

IT Projects – As you begin to implement your strategic plan, Plato will draw from a roster of experienced professionals to provide the resources required to make your project a success. Plato has built a solid reputation on the high quality of our work and on our commitment to our clients. Whether you require a fully outsourced solution or a staff augmentation approach, Plato has the resources and proven experience to deliver superior results that you expect.

Contact us to help manage your IM/IT Strategy needs.

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