

# Successful Partners in Reaching Innovative Technology (SPIRIT)

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“We’re all in this together”

# SPIRIT History

- 1<sup>st</sup> State Agency Model (SAM)
- 2002- 13 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITO) in OK and NM formed a consortium to develop SPIRIT- Chickasaw Nation lead state
- 2004- Development and launch
- 2007- First implementation
- Source Code developer- CSC Covansys

# SPIRIT State Agencies

<b>State Agencies</b>	<b>SPIRIT Participants</b>
▪ Acoma, Canoncito & Laguna (OK)	549
▪ Arkansas	93,461
▪ Chickasaw Nation (OK)	3,750
▪ Choctaw Nation (OK)	4,347
▪ Eight Northern Pueblos (NM)	293
▪ Five Sandoval Pueblos (NM)	373
▪ Maine	26,103
▪ Inter-Tribal Council (OK)	854
▪ Minnesota	131,187
▪ Missouri	145,767
▪ Montana	20,164
▪ Muscogee Creek Nation (OK)	2,793
▪ Osage Tribal Council (OK)	2,807
▪ Otoe-Missouria Tribe (OK)	512
▪ San Felipe Pueblo (NM)	269
▪ Santo Domingo Tribe (NM)	178
▪ Wichita, Caddo & Delaware (OK)	4,368
▪ Zuni Pueblo (NM)	802
▪ <b>Subtotal production</b>	<b>438,575</b>
▪ Alaska	26,295
▪ Mississippi	96,411
▪ <b>Subtotal</b>	<b>122,706</b>
▪ <b>Totals</b>	<b>561,281</b>

# SPIRIT Architecture

- Software is written in VB.net
- MS SQL Server 2008- database
- Client operating system- Windows 7 or XP

# Organization

- SPIRIT User Group (SUG) Charter
  - Guidance for all SPIRIT activities
- SPIRIT User Group
  - Conference calls two times per month that all can attend
  - Announcements, information sharing
- Executive Steering Committee
  - Joan Bowsher, Montana, chairperson
  - Provide overall leadership/direction for the user group
  - ESC membership is open to any charter member state agency- currently 6 states are represented

# Organization

- Change Control Work Group
  - Conductor- Dustin DeKinder
  - Review system enhancement requests
  - Limited to 6 to 10 state agencies per year
  - Representatives are volunteers from user group from member state agencies who have been participating in the user group at least one year and have fully implemented SPIRIT
  - Big time commitment
- Testing
  - States share results- conference calls 3 times per week

# Technology Advisory Group (TAG)

- Looking forward to changes in technology to ensure SPIRIT is ready for changes
- Life Cycle Assessment
  - Looked at current products we are using (e.g. MS Visual Studio 2008 and MS SQL Server 2008) to see when support would end and when we would need to upgrade

# SUG Annual Meeting

- Annual meeting in June- since 2010
  - Montana- 2010
  - Minnesota- 2011
  - Maine- 2012
  - Oklahoma- 2013



# SPIRIT Enhancement Contract

- Current contract Chickasaw had with CSC ends in October, 2013
- Custom Data Processing (CDP) was awarded the contract
- Cooperative Contract
  - Missouri is lead state
- Participating states can sign addendum and then pay for enhancements to system.