

# BENEFITS

In 2011, the *Information Technology Consolidation and Coordination Act* charged the Office of Management and Enterprise Services Information Services Division (OMES ISD) with increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the state's information technology (IT) services.

OMES ISD began consolidation with three core objectives:

- Reduce the size of government;
- Improve transparency of IT spending; and
- Increase accountability of IT activities and services.

IT consolidation presents many challenges, including quality, cost avoidance and public protection, which can all affect the outcome. When taking these variables into account, it is important to consider the benefits of cost-effectiveness, efficiency and security. These three benefits define OMES ISD's current strategy and typify the many challenges of consolidation.

- Reduced IT spend statewide
- Elimination of duplicate IT systems
- Improved purchasing power by combining IT procurement across state agencies and political subdivisions
- Improved ability to align IT resources with high-level priorities of legislation
- Improved data sharing capabilities
- Industry standard delivery of IT services



- Improved data encryption
- Fewer IT systems hosted at unsecure locations
- Improved monitoring, detection, alerting and response capabilities

# MORE INFORMATION

For more information on IT unification strategies, projects, and benefits and OMES ISD, please visit [cio.ok.gov](http://cio.ok.gov).

# FROM CONSOLIDATION TO UNIFICATION

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