

**TO:** Legislative Coordinating Council  
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**RE:** Authorization to Negotiate Website Design Services Agreement

### **Summary**

The Kansas Legislative Office of Information Services (KLOIS) requests authorization to negotiate an agreement with a third-party vendor to provide website design services for the Kansas Legislature. The proposed services will focus on improving accessibility, usability, visual presentation, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including applicable Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

### **Background and Supporting Information**

During the 2026 legislative session, it became evident that the Legislature's existing website and underlying architecture could no longer meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Justice order implementing WCAG standards in support of ADA Title II compliance. While the original compliance deadline of April 24, 2026, was subsequently extended to April 25, 2027, the urgency of remediation remains.

To improve performance and advance accessibility compliance, KLOIS deployed a new legislative website on April 26, 2026. Initial feedback has been generally positive. However, the site was implemented under time constraints and without comprehensive input from internal stakeholders or end users. As a result, additional design and workflow enhancements are necessary to fully optimize accessibility, usability, and compliance ahead of the 2027 legislative session.

To address these needs, KLOIS evaluated several regional website design firms based on the following criteria:

- Analysis of peer legislative organizations to identify best practices and industry standards.
- Engagement with stakeholders to incorporate internal and user feedback into the design.
- Development of a mobile-friendly, intuitive, and ADA-compliant user experience.
- Ability to integrate seamlessly with existing technical functionality.
- Availability of future services without requiring a subscription-based model.

### **Request**

KLOIS requests authorization to negotiate an agreement with a qualified third-party website design provider and further requests that the Chair of the Legislative Coordinating Council be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Council.