

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Regulations Modernization Taskforce  
FROM: Chris Drake  
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RE: Discussion with Washington Legislative Service Center  
Concerning their Online Regulations System

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- The regulations are published by the Legislative Service Center, an independent agency within the Legislative Branch
  
- Publication
  - o Regulation text is stored on a Microsoft SQL Server, document management system
  - o Regulation text is then converted to XML (previously SGML) using Oxygen Author
  - o The XML files are published to the web using a custom in-house solution. Washington purchased a COTS product called DTC Search to handle the search functions on their website. The backend is written in C Sharp and the front end uses Java
  - o The administrative code is published using Adobe Frame Maker
  
- Miscellaneous
  - o Washington has 14 in-house developers in their IT department
  - o 12 fulltime staff members are devoted to the regulations publication process