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This report contains selected high-level highlights of recent computing-related activities at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

1 IM Division Reorganization

The Information Management Division, which was created in October 2000 from parts of the old CIC Division (Computing, Information, and Communications) has announced an internal reorganization.

The internal reorganization consists of:

1. Combination of previously separate groups involved with enterprise and departmental application development and maintenance.
2. Formation of a unified infrastructure group which will deal with server operation, database support, and other related functions.
3. The beginning of a “customer liason” function intended to eventually provide a single point of contact for IM services, and to allow for highly personalized interaction with individual customer business units.

2 Future Business Systems Study

IM Division lead a Lab-wide cross-functional team in a study, assisted by Gartner Group, of the necessary steps to move forward to an ERP environment.

There was no assumption that LANL would necessarily take this direction; the purpose of the study was to find out what we would have to do should we at some time actually commit to an ERP as a future direction.

The study concluded that the cost would be about \$75 million over a four-year time frame. This estimate is considerably higher than the \$45 million estimate with which we were working previously.

Discussion with senior management and an eventual decision on path forward is next on the agenda.

3 CIO Office Formed

Richard Kendall was named Laboratory CIO in October, 2000. The Office of the CIO and the IM Division are working together closely. The role of the CIO is still being defined.