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Subject: PERB efficiency report

Jamie Van Fossen asked me to forward information about PERB's electronic filing system for the efficiency report. PERB has entered into a contract with Tybera Development Group, Inc. to develop an electronic filing system for adjudicatory proceedings in the agency. Tybera is the company the Judicial Branch contracted with to develop the Court's electronic filing system. We plan to have the system fully functional by the end of FY14 and make electronic filing mandatory during FY15. We also hope to implement electronic filing systems for impasse service requests and annual compliance reports. The benefits of electronic filing include:

- Movement towards paperless society.
- Public increasingly expects that business can & should be done online.
- Increased transparency - Greater public access to documents as they are filed with the agency.
- Long-term cost savings in staff time, storage, paper, ink/toner, postage.

I'm also to mention that the travel payment process is overly cumbersome for the exhaustive list of reasons noted in the public comments on legislature's website.

If you need anything else, please let me know.
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