

Questions for the Record – Submitted by Ranking Member Jody Hice (R-GA)

Subcommittee on Government Operations

Hearing: “Federal IT Modernization: How the Coronavirus Exposed Outdated Systems”

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Questions for Mr. Steve O’Keefe, MeriTalk

1. What are the top IT modernization priorities that Congress should act on?
2. What changes would you make to the structure and process for awarding project funds from the TMF?
3. The FITARA scorecard currently captures the MGT Act requirement for an agency has set up a working capital fund to transition away from legacy IT systems. However, the federal government continues to spend a majority of its IT budget on operating and managing of these older systems. What other metrics could the committee track to ensure we incentivize this transition away from legacy IT and effectively modernize government systems?
4. The FITARA scorecard currently has a FISMA component to assess if agencies have met their cybersecurity goals. How can this metric be improved upon?