Database Task Force Begins Work

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Following the productive database summit convened in June, a Database Task Force was named and began working in August. The group identified two focus areas:

- a short range plan to address statewide database purchases for FY 2009 and 2010
- a long range plan that would include surveys, usage statistics, and a report with recommendations

The next step is a meeting with several vendors planned for October, which will allow the group to begin forming our short range plan. Kan-ed has been invited to participate in upcoming meetings, and will host the October meeting.

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