

SCITAO: South Carolina IT Architecture Online

How to Use This Site

Welcome to the online application quickly linking users to applicable IT standards, products and state IT contracts, where applicable. It is the hope of the South Carolina Division of Technology Operations and the DTO Policy and Planning Team that this streamlined online application will facilitate users in finding information they need for planning, specifying and procuring IT hardware, software and services. Likewise, the application structure and database foundation will allow DTO Policy and Planning and the IT Management Office (ITMO) to keep standards, products and links to contracts up to date.

The site is designed to be simple and intuitive in its use. However, if you do encounter any difficulty in accessing or using the SCITAO site, please contact the [DTO Help Desk](#). All pages feature a top navigation bar with four tabs (two of these tabs are ghosted on the main page since they are not applicable to that level). Both the “Home” and the “New Search” tabs link back to the main page. The “View Architecture” tab links to a PDF diagram of the entire SC IT Architecture which will serve as a useful roadmap in navigating the SCITAO site. Finally, the “How to Use Site” tab links to this document. As a point of reference, PDF documents called by the SCITAO site will open in a new browser window or tab. To return to the site itself, the user may close the PDF window or tab or select the browser window displaying the SCITAO site. PDF documents may be saved and printed locally, but users are encouraged to consult the SCITAO application regularly, since standards, architecture and contracts will be undergoing frequent updates. At any level with the site (except if one is in a separate window or tab viewing a PDF) the browser Back button will step backward one level at a time.

Main Page

The SCITAO Main Page features graphic links to each of the four IT Architecture Domains: Hardware, Software, Services and Standards/Polices. Purchasable products covered by ITMO state contracts will only be found in the Hardware, Software or Services domains.

Domain Pages (4)

Each domain icon on the main page links to a domain page. On each domain page is a list of active categories under that domain. Each listed category is a link to its respective category

page. To return to the Main Page, use the “Home” or “New Search” tab, or the browser Back button.

Category Pages

Each category page lists all available disciplines available under that category. As a reminder, the category and domain for each discipline is displayed to the right of the discipline name. The entire text line for each discipline constitutes a single link which takes the user to the appropriate discipline page. From the Category Page, use the “Home” or “New Search” tab to return to the Main Page, or the browser Back button to step backward to the Domain Page. A new search in a different domain can only be initiated from this level by returning to the Main Page.

Discipline Pages

A discipline page features four link buttons: “Description”, “Standards/Policies”, “Preferred Vendors” and “State Contract”. The first three of these link to PDF documents containing the relevant information regarding the chosen discipline. The “State Contract” link connects (where applicable) to the appropriate ITMO state IT contract. Given the non-uniform structure of these contracts, many of these links will take the user only to the head of the contract page. From that point further navigation may be needed to locate the specific product or service required. Some disciplines included in the SCITAO application may not have all data fields populated, for example there may be no specified preferred vendor/product or an applicable state contract. In such cases, the link points to a generic PDF document stating that no information is currently available. As new disciplines are defined, or existing ones refined with standards, products and state contracts, these links will be revised to point to appropriate information. To initiate a new search, use the “Home” or “New Search” tab. To return to the category page, use the browser Back button.

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