

Building Integrated Data Repositories

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The Center for Technology in Government (CTG), through the Using Information in Government (UIG) program, has worked with New York State agency project teams and partners from the public, private, and academic sectors to identify benefits and strategies for integrating and using information for program planning, evaluation, and decision making. The policy, management, and technology issues identified through our work with agency teams were shared with the public in a series of seminars focused on increasing the value of information to government programs. "Information Use Tools and Skill Sets" is a summary of the second UIG Seminar, which was held in May 1999. The seminar highlighted the kind of analytical tools public managers should use to get the most out of their information for planning, evaluation, and decision making. This summary includes the presentations that focused on the new skill sets, information-related competencies, technical tools, and techniques that government program managers can use to ensure that relevant information is identified and used.