

**DRAFT REGIONAL ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
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(from Project Statement of Work and Policy Guidance Document)

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**Comment [m1]:** I think we need to be clear that the focus in the South Atlantic has been on the reporting end. Otherwise, this will be seen as another attempt at VMS, and the council was very clear on its decision not to implement use of this technology.