

Data Integration**FY2004 Request: \$580,000**
Reference No: 37972**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Development
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2005**Project Type:** Information Systems
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The Department of Environmental Conservation is integrating the many sources of information within the department for more efficient and effective management, regulating and service to the public.

Funding:	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$580,000						\$580,000
Total:	\$580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$580,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

Partially funded in FY2003 by an Operating RPL for \$361,483; with a recommendation by the LB&A Committee to request the balance of funding in the FY2004 Capital Budget.

Project Description/Justification:

The Department of Environmental Conservation has been working on integrating information within the department for many years as part of it's operating management plan. The department applied for and received two EPA grants (\$715,707) to assist in this effort. The grants, issued in September 2002, have been awarded for two years and will enable the department to accelerate its progress and reach a point of completion within two fiscal years.

The project includes:

- Integrating data, currently maintained within the department and cross-referencing the data to present it across program lines, by facility, site, location and community. By integrating this information, policy makers, regulators, decision-makers and other stakeholders will be better able to perform their duties with a broader base and more comprehensive access to the necessary information.
- Integrating data being collected external to the department by partners, grant recipients, tribal organizations, and local governments. Access to quality information is a key to the future success of environmental decision making in Alaska. While large amounts of data are currently being collected throughout Alaska, a small percentage is being utilized, due to the "road blocks" and other hurdles existing. This project will also include setting up data distribution "nodes" so that data, meeting pre-defined quality assurance, can be deposited and accessed by all participants, agreeing to the quality standards of the state.