

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Information Technology / Systems / Communication
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The information system currently supporting registration of births, deaths, marriages and divorces in Alaska is more than 20 years old and is based on computer technologies no longer supported by modern operating systems. This project will fund a new electronic information system that will: 1) receive and store records of births, deaths, marriages and divorces in Alaska, 2) create vital records certificates that meet all applicable government standards, 3) allow web-based data entry by authorized individuals to speed the reporting of vital events and issuance of certificates, and 4) bring the State of Alaska into compliance with the Federal Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

Funding:	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$1,785,000						\$1,785,000
Total:	\$1,785,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,785,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input 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:	300,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	300,000	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec13 Ch29 SLA2008 P148 L32 SB221 \$3,724,500

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of this project is to complete the final phase of establishing a new Electronic Vital Records System. The Electronic Vital Records System encompasses issuance and registrations for birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, divorce, induced terminations of pregnancy, and medical marijuana. Beginning in October 2009, funds from this capital project were used to hire a vendor to help the Bureau of Vital Statistics (the Bureau) develop the technical specifications and write the Request for Proposals for procuring a new Electronic Vital Records System. One task in this contract called for developing cost estimates for the replacement of the system. These estimates put the total cost of replacing our existing system at \$5,435,000, requiring an additional appropriation of \$1,785,000.

Is this a new systems development project? Or, an upgrade or enhancement to existing department capabilities?

This is the second phase of a new systems development project for Vital Statistics.

Specifically, what hardware, software, consulting services, or other items will be purchased with this expenditure. Include a line item breakdown.

Description	Prior Actual	FY14	Total
71000 - Personal Services	\$ 200,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 650,000
72000 - Travel		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
73157, 73401/5 -Outside Vendor Payments	\$ 3,020,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 4,270,000
73806 - ETS Chargeback (Telecom EPR)	\$ 130,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 300,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 335,000
Total	\$ 3,650,000	\$ 1,785,000	\$ 5,435,000

How will service to the public measurable improved if this project is funded?

A real-time, electronic registration system encompassing all vital records will allow the Bureau and its business partners to eliminate redundant activities, provide for the real-time reporting of vital events, improve the timeliness of registering vital records, provide efficiencies in issuing certified copies of vital records, and provide more useful health information on Alaskans by using the new standard versions of birth, death certificates, marriage, divorce and other statistics.

Does project affect the way in which other public agencies will conduct their business?

This project is not intended to change the way in which other public agencies will conduct their business. The system will enhance the communication and information sharing between agencies regularly working with the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

What are the potential out-year cost implications if this project is approved? (Bandwidth requirements, etc.)

Once the project is finished, we estimate the Bureau will incur annual software maintenance costs around \$300,000.

What will happen if the project is not approved?

Replacing the Bureau's 20 year old information system is crucial for the wellbeing of Alaskans. If the current system fails before it can be replaced, the time it takes to register births would increase significantly and copies of birth records will have to be issued manually. Alaskans would face significant delays in getting copies of vital records needed for their everyday life: obtaining health insurance benefits for their newborn children, applying for a Permanent Fund Dividend, obtaining Medicaid or social security benefits, getting a driver's license, and traveling.

Vital record statistic information is used as the foundation for the reporting of several of the state and department key performance indicators. The quality of this information is essential in order to produce accurate and meaningful reports.

The Electronic Vital Records system provides access to the foundational identity documents of our nation: birth, death and marriage certificates. These documents are the very basis of identifying whether a person is who they claim to be, or not. State and local police, troopers, Federal Bureau of Investigation, military, and our intelligence services all rely on the integrity and availability of the records in the system for the work they do to ensure our public safety.