

Scope Change: Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) and Other Information Technology Contract Support

FY2015 Request: \$0
Reference No: 54346

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Information Technology / Systems / Communication

Category: Public Protection

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 04/19/2015 - 06/30/2019

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) requests to expand the scope of an existing capital appropriation titled "New Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) Transitional Contract Support" to include support to other department information technology systems. The intent of this project was to provide maintenance support for the new APSIN system to aid in the transition from the legacy APSIN system. DPS was not able to transition from legacy APSIN to the new system as expected, and therefore would like to use these project funds for continued legacy APSIN contractor support as well as contractor support for other critical criminal justice systems.

Funding:	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	Total
Gen Fund							\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P75 L9 SB18 \$875,000

Project Description/Justification:

DPS is statutorily required to develop and operate a criminal justice information system to serve as the state's central repository of criminal history record information. APSIN is a computerized information system that provides law enforcement and related users in Alaska at the local, regional, state, federal, and international levels with mission-critical information.

In the late 1990's DPS began a multi-year effort to replace APSIN, which was thought to be nearing its end of life in terms of supportability. That project was referred to as "APSIN Redesign" or "New APSIN."

In the beginning of 2013, DPS hired an external consultant to review the APSIN project. The review was undertaken due to the fact that the project was costing more than anticipated and DPS had not fully achieved results to modernize the criminal history repository.

The results of the external review suggested the project costs would continue to increase, a completion date was uncertain, the new design was too complicated, and the technology itself was becoming outdated. The consultant recommended DPS conclude development of the APSIN redesign project, engage a governance and management structure to define the scope and funding for a new criminal history repository, and define the scope of the project and replacement strategy.

Prior to the outcome of the external review, DPS had fully anticipated it would be transitioning off of the legacy system. Despite the fact that the department was not able to transition, many of the related enhancements to the information technology environment developed as part of the new APSIN project are in use today.

This project scope change meets the intent of the original project as it would enable DPS to maintain the contractual relationship with several vendors that have the appropriate knowledge, skills, and abilities with the APSIN programming languages and the APSIN code base to allow DPS time to effectively reset the APSIN replacement project. It will also enable DPS to support other critical criminal justice systems that interface with APSIN and that provide significant assistance to law enforcement agencies statewide. Maintaining these contractual relationships will mitigate the risks of extended system outages and DPS' ability to respond to intrastate, interstate, federal, and international criminal history records requests, and ensure support for resolutions to issues with other components of APSIN.