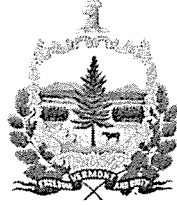


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Representative Terry Macaig
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House Sub-Committee on unspent funds, Corrections and Institutions
115 State Street
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Dear Committee Members,

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 4, 2014 regarding \$54,877.31, Department ID #2130990315. We respectfully request to retain these capital funds because they are necessary for the success of our project to upgrade our case management system.

For roughly a decade, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs has been working to modernize our practice by upgrading our case management system. In 2003, the Department sought capital funds in order to create a central data repository and document management system. In 2004, we formed the CRIMES © Database with these capital funds. Presently, CRIMES continues to serve as our central database and document system. Without it, we would not be able to generate the documents that drive the criminal justice system. The initial capital allocation was intended to fund the implementation of CRIMES and six additional years of support and maintenance to carry the system into 2010.

In 2008 and 2009, maintenance contracts for CRIMES were erroneously paid out of our department's general fund allocation rather than the capital funds. This resulted in the remainder of capital funds of \$54,877.31, which are currently at issue.

In 2009, our department began an effort to upgrade CRIMES in order to improve our efficiency, enable data exchange, and gain an ability to track our data. Most importantly, an upgrade is necessary to lower the risk of catastrophic failure of our aging system. At that time, the remaining capital funds were going to be used to start this project. Unfortunately, the project was denied by the Department of Information and Innovation (DII).

Since then we have continued our effort to upgrade our case management system. With the approval of the Commissioner of Finance, we have repeatedly over multiple budget years planned to use Carry

Forward funds and the remainder of the capital funds to pay for this immensely important project. The capital funds are necessary for the success of this project.

Presently, DII has completely vetted the SAS CCMS project, including an independent review, and has found the project to be technologically viable and in accordance with the State vision for modernization, workflow management, and risk reduction. We are currently in contract negotiations with a bidding vendor, having completed a request for proposal (RFP) in 2011. We have entered into several support contracts and hope to sign the contract with the core vendor by April of 2014. At contract signing we hope to expend the remainder of the capital funds.

With this long overdue project on the verge of commencement, the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs respectfully requests to retain the capital funds as described below with the intention of expending them as soon as possible to protect the viability and success of the SAS CCMS project.

| Department ID | Description | Year | Proposed Allocation |
|----------------------|--|-------------|----------------------------|
| 2130990315 | Case Management Software System 149/02 | 2003 | \$54,877.31 |

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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