

State-Owned Buildings Valuation Project**FY2002 Request: \$60,000**
Reference No: 34019**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Public Support Technology/Service
Location: Statewide
Election District: Statewide
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006**Project Type:** Planning
Contact: Dan Spencer
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Funding will be used to contract with a consultant to correct the State's fixed assets records. The consultant will create a methodology to recreate historical costs of state-owned buildings.

Funding:

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
Gen Fund	\$60,000						\$60,000
Total:	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000

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

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

This project has received no prior year funding.

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Problem:

Alaska Statute 37.05.150 requires the accounts of the state to be reported in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). However, because adequate historical cost records for state-owned buildings do not exist, we are not reporting our general fixed assets at cost as required by GAAP. This is the department's #1 audit recommendation in the FY 99 statewide single audit and again prevented a clean opinion on the State of Alaska's financial statements.

Solution:

Hire a consultant to assist the Division of Finance in creating a methodology to recreate historical costs of state-owned buildings. At this point, historical cost requires determining replacement cost and using regression analysis to adjust this back to the building value in the year of acquisition. The consultant would also review the State's capitalization policies and recommend changes to comply with GAAP. This includes identifying methods for tracking current and future facility costs as they are incurred to ensure adequate historical costs are maintained on future asset acquisitions and disposals.

Benefit:

The State's general fixed assets will be reported accurately in the comprehensive annual financial report and it will be more useful to the Legislature and other readers. It will reduce the potential negative impact on the State's bond rating which results from a qualified opinion on our financial statements. It will also provide a head start on meeting the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 which will require accounting for all state infrastructure-such as bridges, roads, and harbors-starting in FY 06.

What We Are**Buying:**

The funding will allow the Division of Finance to contract with a consultant to correct the State's fixed assets records.

Other Details:

The cost estimate for consulting is the result of preliminary discussions with an accounting firm hired for other purposes. This information, combined with the recent state-owned building valuations compiled for the Public Buildings Fund, result in the amount requested for this capital project.