

Mining Claim Processing and Online Permitting**FY2001 Request: \$250,000**
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AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: General Government
Location: Statewide
House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2002

Project Type: Information Systems
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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

An integrated state-federal mining claim information system for Alaska is proposed. The system provides a common user interface to access state and federal land records. The key components are scanned copies of recorded documents, current transaction records in agency databases, and digital maps and plats of claim locations. The information will be made available via the Internet. The system is designed to meet the needs of the Alaska mining community, natural resource managers, and the general public.

Funding:	FY2001	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$250,000	\$250,000					\$500,000
Total:	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<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

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

In FY1999, \$50,000 in federal funds was used for electronic commerce, and in FY2000, an RPL in the amount of \$310,000 in federal funds was approved by LB&A.

Project Description/Justification:

Project Benefits:

- Promotes economic development of Alaska's mineral resources
- Protects public and private property rights via improved land record systems
- Levels the playing field by making information available over the Internet
- Eliminates unnecessary duplication of data entry and data storage between systems
- Provides valuable information to an important Industry Group: Alaska Miners
- Assures all members of the public have access to information via the Internet
- Defines areas of opportunity by posting annual dropped-claims sites
- Reduces costs associated with building and maintaining land record systems
- Protects historical mining records at risk of being lost due to budget cuts (KARDEX)

Economic Development:

Secure, stable, mineral and land property rights cultivate long-term exploration and development investments. The Alaska Mining Industry accounted for a gross annual investment of over \$1 Billion in 1999 and hundreds of jobs.

Projected Revenue to the State:

No increased revenue is expected to the state under current tax structures. There is potential for some increased mineral royalty payments as the size of the mining industry grows.

Project Support:

Federal Support from the Alaska Bureau of Land Management, and in particular the Division of Lands, Minerals and Resources. Also has BLM support from the Cadastral Surveying Division. Alaska BLM is funding the majority of this joint effort.

Industry Support:

Alaska Miners Association directly support this project. The project manager has had numerous coordinating meetings with AMA staff and agency representatives to plan and implement the project.

Private Contractors in the Computer Industry support the project because we plan to use some of their expertise to deliver the integrated system. Interwest, 7X Group, ESRI, and Wassman and Associates are specific company names.

Non-Profits support the Project because it provides essential public information at no or little cost by using the Internet.

Project Opposition:

There is no known project opposition.

Specific Spending Detail:

Personal services of programmer / analysts to integrate with existing systems (LAS, Records Office, and Land Status mapping)(50%);

Travel to coordinate with Fairbanks mining community (2%) ;

Contracts with computer specialists to help build the computer systems (25%);

Supplies include new software that is commercially available (13%);

Equipment includes building up some of the DNR server environments to handle the traffic (10%).

Does this project leverage other funding for the state?

The success of various key stages of this project will leverage additional federal funding.

Alternative Approaches/Financing Considered:

Proposal to expand the project beyond the scope of mining support using some leveraged GF funds was not successful.

Project History:

Project started in FY99 with federal appropriation of \$125.0. In FY00, \$450.0 of federal funds were made available.

These funds will be used in FY00 and in FY01. Additional federal funding is anticipated. See the projects main initial deliverable at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/landrecords>. This site makes all state status plats available, with the ability to look up customer names using the mainframe. Status plats are used to map the location of state mining claims.