

**Law Library Catalog Software for Web Access**

**FY2002 Request: \$60,000**  
**Reference No: 34036**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Law and Justice  
**Location:** Statewide  
**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006  
**Project Type:** Information Systems  
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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project is for the purchase of software to allow users access to the law library's electronic catalog of available legal resources.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2002</u>	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$60,000						\$60,000
<b>Total:</b>	\$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 - 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	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Alaska State Court Law Library serves the legal research needs of the judiciary, the legal profession and the general public statewide. The library has received numerous requests to provide a web version of the electronic catalog over the Internet from attorneys, court staff, the general public and Alaska libraries. A software upgrade to the catalog database is required in order to offer it on the Internet.

The law library catalog is searchable by keyword, author, title, and subject. It is currently available to attorneys and members of the general public only if they are physically at the Anchorage Law Library. If not, they must contact reference staff by telephone to determine whether the library has a particular resource.

Alaskans would benefit tremendously from a web version of the library catalog. Today, the Internet is often the first place people search for information. Although many legal resources are available on the Internet, books continue to play a vital legal research tool. At least 80% of the library print collection is not available in any electronic form and will not likely be in the near future. By allowing access to the catalog on the web, people would be able to determine what is in the collection. Since the catalog also includes links to related documents that are on the Internet, users would be guided toward these resources as well.

A web version of the catalog will provide any Alaskan with home, office, school or library Internet access with information about the materials the law library has available. The law library provides free copies and book loans to anybody with a specific citation. Alaskans can request our legal materials through their local libraries or directly from us. We have made a substantial investment in library collections to serve the legal information needs of all Alaskans. These resources are meant to be shared statewide, and a web catalog is an economical and efficient way to let people know what resources are available in the state law library.