

**Alaska Public Offices Commission Electronic Filing -
Programming and Development**

**FY2008 Request: \$350,000
Reference No: AMD43099**

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Information Systems
Category: General Government
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Eric Swanson
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2009

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Commission is requesting an additional \$350,000 to complete the project to automate electronic filing and create an electronic library of disclosure documents.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Gen Fund	\$350,000						\$350,000
Total:	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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
<u>One-Time Startup:</u>	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$450,000 was appropriated in FY2003.

Project Description/Justification:

Problem To Be Solved: This project was initially funded in 2003 although work on it did not begin until July 1, 2004. During this time period we have employed the services of a program developer. However, State standards for developing and deploying web-based projects such as EZ File have gone through multiple changes. The project provides for electronic filing by those required by Alaska Law to file financial disclosure statements, lobbying reports, and campaign disclosure reports. Public disclosure is the cornerstone to the public's trust in the accountability of public officials, thus the project also provides for a document repository over which the public can view the disclosure statements. The Governor supports mandatory electronic filing and it is important that we have a stable and reliable system to accomplish this.

Solution: Additional funding is needed to complete the programming and to deploy the project.

Benefits: Disclosure reports will be more accurate and will be available for public inspection on the same day they are filed.

What We Propose to Buy: Continue to work with ETS to complete the programming and determine the best, most cost effective deployment.

Prior Funding: \$450.0 Capital Budget 2003.

History:

Timeline: The project must be ready to roll on July 1, 2007.

Explanation of How Project Contributes to Your Divisional Mission: This project is essential to APOC's mission that is to encourage the public's confidence in their elected and appointed public officials by serving as the custodian of the disclosure statements required to be filed by executive branch and legislative officials, lobbyist and lobbyist employers, candidates for state and municipal office, and political groups.

Explanation of How Project Contributes to End Result: Once this project is launched, APOC's end results will likely experience a metamorphosis in that training and customer services will be prioritized so that filers will be prepared to file their disclosure statements electronically.