

Eligibility Information System Maintenance**FY2009 Request: \$427,800**
Reference No: 42856**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Information Systems**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Arnold Liebelt**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870**Estimated Project Dates:** 05/01/2008 - 06/30/2013**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This request is for ongoing system changes essential to meet program services and performance expectations. The agency needs to update interfaces and worker alerts with systems, such as Permanent Fund Dividend and Social Security State Verification and Exchange System (SVES). Additional changes are needed for processing Medicaid Long Term Care and tracking of suspensions for Temporary Assistance.

The agency must continue to maintain EIS during the Evaluation for Alternatives project. Whatever replacement system is implemented will have to be phased in and the long term replacement may occur over a period of six to eight years or more.

Funding:	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$163,400	\$163,400	\$163,400	\$163,400	\$163,400		\$817,000
G/F Match	\$159,100	\$159,100	\$159,100	\$159,100	\$159,100		\$795,500
Gen Fund	\$105,300	\$105,400	\$105,400	\$105,400	\$105,400		\$526,900
Total:	\$427,800	\$427,900	\$427,900	\$427,900	\$427,900	\$0	\$2,139,400

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
50% = 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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**Project Description/Justification:**

Information Technology Capital Project Review Form FY2009

1. Has this project been previously approved? YES

The purpose of the project is to make changes to the Public Assistance Eligibility Information System (EIS) that are required by federal or state regulation, to update the system to improve reporting, system accuracy, and to increase efficiency of management and field staff in determining initial and ongoing eligibility for public assistance programs. Changes to the workforce and increased aging client demographics add pressure to staff workloads that can only be met through system enhancements or additional staff.

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The agency is in the process of preparing the necessary procurement documents to obtain programming support.

This project continues funding for professional services contracts to assist the Division of Public Assistance (DPA) with programming backlog to the Public Assistance Eligibility Information System. The work funded by this request will improve timeliness and accuracy of eligibility decisions and benefits for cash, food, child care, work services and medical assistance.

DPA has a backlog of over 300 work orders. They are a mix of changes required by federal or state regulation and updates needed to improve reporting, system accuracy and efficiency.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by improving accuracy and efficiency when determining eligibility for public assistance programs and by keeping the eligibility information system in compliance with laws and regulations, all of which improves delivery of assistance that maintains the well being of Alaskans.

The end result to which this project contributes is "Low income families and individuals become economically self-sufficient."