

Equipment for Electronic Benefit Transfer Connectivity to Alaska's Back-Up Data Center for Vulnerable Alaskans **FY2012 Request: \$50,000**
Reference No: 50870

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Equipment / Commodities
Category: Health/Human Services
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Arnold Liebelt
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This request will fund equipment for the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system at the State's disaster back-up data center.

Funding:	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$50,000						\$50,000
Total:	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000

<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	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year for this request.

Project Description/Justification:

The Division of Public Assistance Eligibility Information System (EIS) is connected to the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) contractor's host computer for client demographic, card issuance, benefit issuance, benefit redemption and settlement file transmission. Special hubs, switches, and circuits are installed at the Juneau Data Center for this on-line real-time and batch file processing. This same type of equipment needs to be purchased and installed at the state's disaster back-up data center in order to process public assistance benefits if the Juneau Data Center is inoperable.

If this connection is not established the Division will be unable to deliver benefits to public assistance recipients if a disaster occurs in which the Juneau Data Center is inoperable.

Mission:

To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.

End Result:

Vulnerable Alaskans have a safe living environment.

Core Services:

Provide self-sufficiency and basic living expenses to Alaskans in need. Provide quality administrative services in support of the department's mission.