

Program # 70029B - A&T Business Application Systems Upgrade (A&T)

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Priority: Accountability Lead Agency: Finance Budget & Tax

Program Offer Type: New Program Program Contact: John Riles

Related Programs: 70009, 70010, 70012, 70013, 70017, 70018, 70019, 70020A, 70021, 70028

Frameworks:

Executive Summary

The Property Assessment and Taxation Business Application Systems Upgrade Program supports the entire range of business applications used by the related programs for Property Assessment and Taxation. The program will upgrade the application systems and supporting information technology to include the latest business functionality used by the business programs as well as the technology infrastructure that meets County standards. This upgrade will provide greater application integration and accessibility, and lower support costs.

Program Description

The Program replaces the existing application systems and information technology infrastructure. The new application systems utilize browser based software. The new systems run on current technology Windows based computers that use a County standard database platform. From this information technology infrastructure, the application systems will be able to integrate document imaging and mapping. The upgraded applications will be able to integrate with, and be accessible from, other County systems. The program has the following timeline: FY06 -- Application selection and contract negotiation; FY07 – Application systems preparation and implementation; FY08 -- Full utilization of application systems. Expenditures shown are \$2,200,000 for the system upgrade (Building Projects Fund). Debt Service on this amount is \$485,000 for the first year of a five year debt obligation on full faith and credit borrowing. If this program is not funded, Program Offer 70029A will be completed.

Program Justification

This program will contribute to the Accountability Priority by integrating document imaging, mapping, assessments, collections and other property tax systems. The upgrade will provide greater accessibility to property tax data through the implementation of planned efficiency measures to provide internet access for public inquiry and e-business. The program will create greater accessibility to data and reduce costs by using the County's information technology standards. The vendor that supports the software has developed new versions of the tax system and product support of older tax software versions may be discontinued in the near future.

Consequences of not upgrading the system include an escalation in the maintanence costs from the vendor and higher costs for County Information Technology due to use of a non conforming system. It will delay implementing imaging into the system to the detriment of both inside and outside users of the data.

Performance Measures

The Program has the following performance measures: The application systems installed and fully utilized in FY08. The measures are to complete the milestones on time and within budget.

Summary of last year's program results and this year's expected results

This program has not existed in FY05. For FY06 the expected results are to complete the first phase of the program: Application package selection and contract negotiation.

Program Mandate: 2 Mandated Program with Funding/Service Level Choice

Assessment and Taxation requires a system that supports all aspects of the appraisal and collection requirements but the system fuctionality is at the discretion of the County.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2005	2005	2006	2006
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,200,000
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$485,000	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$451,500
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$485,000	\$2,651,500
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$485,000	\$2,651,500
Program Total:	\$0		\$3,136,500	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,651,500
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$2,651,500

Explanation of Revenues

If approved the program will be funded with financing proceeds of \$2,200,000 from full faith and credit obligation and carryover of \$451,500 that will not be needed for Program Offer 70029A A&T Business Application Systems Completion.

The repayment of the bond issue will be made from a program that is supported by General Fund revenues. Through participation in the State funded "County Assessment Function Funding Account" (CAFFA) approximately \$90,000 of the debt payments will be reimbursed.

Significant Program Changes

None- new program. If this program is not funded, Program Offer 70029A will need to be funded.