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Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Subcommittee for Justice and Public Safety
North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

RE: Status Report on the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification
System (SAFIS) Replacement Project

Dear Members:

Pursuant to Section 15.9.(c) of Session Law 2005-276, the Department of Justice (DOJ) submits this report to the Subcommittee for Justice and Public Safety of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to further update the committee on the status of the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) replacement project. The following information supplements the data provided in the last status report to the committee in November 2005.

Since this time, DOJ has developed and posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) and created the evaluation process to review submitted proposals. On February 23, 2006, a total of ten proposals were received from seven vendors in response to the RFP issued by DOJ. SAFIS replacement proposals were received from Cogent Systems, Motorola, and NEC Solutions (America), Inc. for core SAFIS operating system replacement. Seven vendors responded to the Master Purchasing Agreements portion of the RFP for latent workstations and livescan devices: Cogent Systems, Cross Match, DataWorks Plus, Identix, IdentiPro, Motorola, and NEC Solutions (America), Inc.

Preliminary assessments of proposals by the SAFIS evaluation teams indicate that costs for the SAFIS replacement are less than preliminary estimates provided in the November 2005 report. This competitive bidding process has attracted multiple vendors which have provided lower overall cost proposals when compared to a sole source or single vendor approach. Both lease financing and cash purchase options are currently being explored from all vendors.

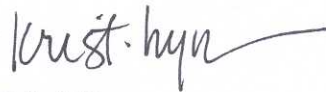
The composition of the SAFIS evaluation teams is attached for your review. Teams include staff from DOJ, the Department of Correction, and the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office. Discussions and negotiations with vendors are in process and

recommendations are expected to be finalized on or about April 18, 2006. The timeline associated with the evaluation process along with a diagram of the evaluation process is included for review.

The Department of Justice awaits the Committee's guidance regarding future reporting on this subject. Discussions between legislative fiscal staff and DOJ have highlighted confidentiality requirements associated with this procurement, as they relate to Statewide IT Procurement statutes, policies and rules. The Department of Justice is fully committed to consulting with the legislature on a timely basis and in a manner that adheres to all applicable guidelines.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. We would be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Hyman", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Kristi Hyman
Chief of Staff

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Enclosures:

cc: The Honorable Marc Basnight
The Honorable Jim Black
Denise Thomas, Fiscal Research Division
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UPDATED SAFIS PROJECT TIMELINE

Phase 1 – Planning & RFP (07/05 – 04/06)

- 1) Procure an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) subject matter expert
- 2) Planning, requirements, and documentation development
- 3) Prepare a Joint Status Report to be presented by November 1, 2005
- 4) Create the SAFIS Replacement RFP
- 5) Review vendor submitted proposals
- 6) Prepare and present recommendation for SAFIS Replacement by April 18, 2006

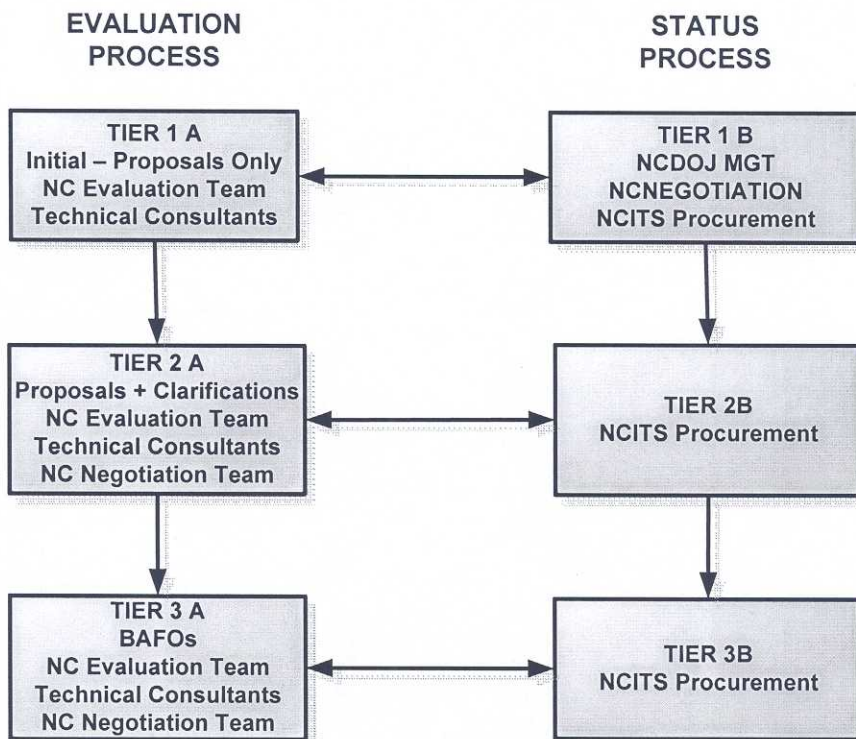
Phase 2 and 3 – Implementation & Deployment 1 & 2 (04/06 – 12/08)*

- 1) Replace existing SAFIS central processing systems
- 2) Implement SBI SAFIS Business Continuity system
- 3) Replace existing SBI remote latent search stations
- 4) Implement data conversion interface
- 5) Replace remaining latent search stations
- 6) Deploy new remote Live Scan devices
- 7) Replace existing remote Live Scan devices

* Phase 2 and Phase 3 are subject to vendor contract negotiations, final review and approval by ITS, and final appropriations granted by the General Assembly

SAFIS Evaluation Teams Diagram

SAFIS REPLACEMENT SELECTION



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Team 1.

NC Evaluation Team (NCEVAL)

Wyatt Pettengill – SBI
John Byrd – SBI
Alan Cochran – DOJ/IT
Andrew Schoenberg – DOJ/IT

Team 2.

Technical Consultants (TECHCONSULT)

Shannon Weber - DOC
Rick Hodges - MCSO
MTG Management Consultants (MTG)

Team 3.

NCDOJ MGT (NCDOJMGT)

Robin Pendergraft - SBI
Jerry Ratley - SBI
Nancy Lowe DOJ/IT
Nels Roseland – DOJ/FS

Team 4.

NC Negotiation Team (NCNEGOTIATE)

Jerry Ratley – SBI
Wendy Brinkley - SBI
Nels Roseland – DOJ/FS
Nancy Lowe - DOJ/IT
Lori Fuller DOJ/Legal
NC Evaluation Team
MTG Management Consultants (MTG)

Team 5.

NCITS Procurement (ITS)

ITS Procurement

Note: The NC Evaluation team will initially classify all proposals received by the 2/23/06 submission deadline as "Responsive" or "Non-Responsive". Only those determined to be "Responsive" will be considered for further evaluation by entering Tier 1A. ITS will receive a status update.