



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Michael F. Easley, Governor

Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary

May 14, 2007

The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro-Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable James B. Black
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Black:

Pursuant to applicable state law, the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division respectfully reports its intent to use \$167,450.40 in Federal Seizure funds for the following:

1. \$93,600.00 to contract IT resources to develop & implement Underage Drinking Mobile Data Application

CCPS Information Services is currently designing a computer application for ALE to support enforcement of underage drinking laws. With this new application, ALE agents will have the ability to perform compliance checks in the field using their mobile data computers. Data collected on agent mobile data computers will synchronize with data stored at the main CCPS data center.

The ability for ALE Agents to complete compliance checks in the field represents a significant improvement in efficiencies for ALE agents in performing their enforcement duties.

This new computer application will be based on Microsoft's CRM software framework. This software provides many new features and services while minimizing development time, efforts and costs since the framework already provides core mobile services.

Because this technology is new, CCPS Information Systems has a need for one contractual support person with a strong concentration in MS CRM 3.0, Visual Studio, MS SQL 2005 and mobile data synchronization to fill a critical skill gaps identified with this effort. The contractual hourly rate is \$60.00 per hour for a duration of 1,560 hours.

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Therefore, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division intends to expend \$93,600.00 for the development and implementation of the Underage Drinking Mobile Data Application. This expenditure is for contractual support only and does not involve the creation or funding of an FTE.

\$73,850.40 for Mobile Data Terminal Replacement

In 1998, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division acquired its first lot of Mobile Data Terminals, or MDTs, by means of a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission, with matching funds provided from ALE's Federal Forfeiture account. These valuable law enforcement devices allowed agents in their vehicles, to quickly access important information regarding persons, motor vehicles and events, helping to ensure the safety of the general public and the law enforcement officers.

Since acquiring the initial MDT devices in 1998, ALE has continued to utilize grant funding, combined with judicious use of seized funds, which has allowed ALE to provide MDTs to all of its sworn members.

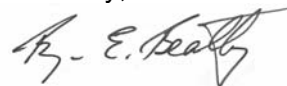
ALE is now at a point where many of the laptop computers that are part of the MDT system are in dire need of replacement. Attempting to repair existing units would be an exercise in futility, as many parts are prohibitively expensive and even with repairs the old units would lag far behind current industry standards. Replacement of the outdated and failing laptops is essential to ensure agents have reliable, dependable access to the law enforcement network and related applications. In all, eighteen (18) MDT laptops require replacement at this time.

Therefore, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division intends to expend \$73,850.40 to replace out-dated and failing Mobile Data Terminals.

Item	Description	Expenditure
1	Contract IT resources to develop & implement Underage Drinking Mobile Data Application	\$93,600.00
2	Mobile Data Terminal Replacement	\$73,850.40
Total		\$167,450.40

As of November 7, 2006, the balance of the Federal Seizure Fund held by the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division was \$169,053.59. If these requests are approved, the remaining balance will be \$1,603.19.

Sincerely,



Bryan E. Beatty
Secretary

cc: Deputy Secretary Gerald A. Rudisill
Director M.D. Robertson
Bennie Aiken, Controller