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To: General Government Appropriations Subcommittee
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From: Dennis Unsworth
Commissioner of Political Practices

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Date: February 5, 2009

Subject: Supplemental budget requests

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee –We ask that the subcommittee formally support our request for funding “LFD ISSUE; Option 2.” (LFD Budget Analysis; page A-64.)

An electronic system to facilitate accurate and timely filing of campaign finance reports cannot be completed without additional funding. Our best estimate of the cost to complete and maintain a system is \$278,000.

Of that amount, \$40,000 in maintenance is already included in the executive budget, DP 5. This will cover maintenance and minor enhancements for the database (which holds the entirety of campaign and lobbying records.) The *net additional* for the campaign reporting service:

FY 2010 Development	\$198,250
Contingency (15 percent)	29,750
Independent Verification & Validation	<u>20,000</u>
Total	<u>\$238,000</u>

Timeframe: Purchasing requirements/contracting	Through July 15 2009
Development and test; IV&V	July 15 09 to March 15 2010
Support	Through June 2010
Maintenance and minor enhancements	Ongoing through June 2011

DP 2 additional legal costs funding OTO – The recommended \$59,000/year OTO brings our legal services budget to the current level of spending. To meet our obligations for a sharp increase in formal campaign complaints and address a nagging backlog, we ask that the committee supplement that budget by \$30,000/year and establish the funding as a biennial appropriation.

Our objective is to eliminate the backlog of formal complaints by the end of FY2010 so that the commissioner’s office can respond to current complaints in a much more timely way.

CPP IT Project Spending

Vendor	Project	Amount	CampTracker Amount
FY 2009			
Montana Interactive	Development CampTracker	\$7,988.00	\$7,988.00
InsureWorx	Database	\$4,602.00	\$1,000.00
InsureWorx	Lobbyist	\$63,975.00	
Assure IT	Independent Verification & Validation	\$3,277.50	\$1,000.00
FY Total:		\$79,842.50	
FY 2008			
Montana Interactive	Development Camp Tracker	\$29,675.00	\$29,675.00
InsureWorx	Database maintenance/enhancements	\$19,912.50	\$15,000.00
Assure IT	IV & V	\$2,415.00	\$2,415.00
FY Total:		\$52,002.50	
FY 2007			
Montana Interactive	Lobby Search & Download	\$14,235.00	
InsureWorx	Database maintenance/enhancements	\$42,250.00	\$10,000.00
Assure IT	IV & V	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
FY Total:		\$71,485.00	
FY 2006			
InsureWorx	Database maintenance	\$4,120.00	
FY Total:		\$4,120.00	
FY 2003-2005			
InsureWorx	Database Conversion Access to Oracle Secretary of State's Office Paid for database conversion	\$8,000.00 \$50,000.00 (estimate)	
FY Total:		\$58,000.00	
CampTracker Total			\$82,078.00
Total Costs:		\$265,450.00	

Delivered: Database conversion
 Lobby Search/Download
 Candidate Filing
 Search (substantially delivered)
 Lobby Registration
 Lobby Reporting (initial test)

Not Delivered: Campaign Reporting & Upload