

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: June 2, 2014

Via: Roxy Traxler, Interim County Administrator

From: Kirk Peysar, County Auditor

Title of Item:

Property Record Information System of Minnesota (PRISM) grant contract

Requested Meeting Date: June 10 Estimated Presentation Time: n/a

Presenter: Kirk Peysar

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- Approve under Consent Agenda
- For discussion only with possible future action
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Other (please list) _____
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? n/a Yes No (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? Operating Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. Yes No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. Yes No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. Yes No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. Yes No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) _____

Provide eleven (11) copies of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at 8:00am to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for mailing in the Board packets. (see reverse side for details)

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June 2, 2014

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Kirk Peysar, County Auditor 

Re: Property Record Information System and Minnesota (PRISM) grant contract

On November 12, 2013 the Board authorized a grant application to Minnesota Revenue for PRISM funds. A grant award of \$3,529.41 has been approved by MN Revenue to Aitkin County upon execution of the grant contract.

I am requesting Board authorization to sign the grant contract for submittal to MN Revenue.

The PRISM Project is a modernization of the processes and systems in property tax. Currently, counties make 9 unique file format submissions of data throughout a valuation/taxation cycle to MN Revenue. PRISM will reduce that to a single standard format, submitted twice a year.

STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANT CONTRACT

This grant contract is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Revenue ("STATE") and Aitkin County, 209 2nd St NW, Aitkin, MN 56431 ("GRANTEE").

Recitals

1. Under Minn. Stat. 270 c 03 sub 1 the State is empowered to enter into this grant.
2. The State is in need of improved reporting of property tax data.
3. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant contract to the satisfaction of the State. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §16B.98 Subdivision 1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant.

Grant Contract

1 Term of Grant Contract

1.1 **Effective date:** June 1, 2014, or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes §16B.98 Subd. 5, whichever is later. Per Minnesota Statutes §16B.98, Subd. 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant contract is fully executed.

The Grantee must not begin work under this grant contract until this contract is fully executed and the Grantee has been notified by the State's Authorized Representative to begin the work.

1.2 **Expiration date:** June 30, 2015 or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

1.3 **Survival of Terms.** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 15 Data Disclosure.

2 Grantee's Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through § 16B.97 subd. 4 (a) (1), and MN Session Law 2013 Chapter 142, Article 1, Section 14, subdivision 1.

The county will use the funding for the development, implementation, or maintenance of data collection and data processing systems that will facilitate improved reporting of property tax data on parcels and portions of parcels to the Commissioner of Revenue for analytical and administrative use.

These system changes are part of the Property Record Information System of Minnesota (PRISM) project.

3 Time

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant contract. In the performance of this grant contract, time is of the essence.

4 Consideration and Payment

4.1 Consideration. The State will pay for all services performed by the Grantee under this grant contract as follows:

(a) **Compensation.** The Grantee will be paid a lump sum payment of \$3,529.41, after the grant contract is fully executed.

(b) **Travel Expenses.** Reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the Grantee as a result of this grant contract will not exceed \$0.00; provided that the Grantee will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses in the same manner and in no greater

amount than provided in the current "Commissioner's Plan" promulgated by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB). The Grantee will not be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside Minnesota unless it has received the State's prior written approval for out of state travel. Minnesota will be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out of state.

(c) **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of the State for all compensation to the Grantee under this grant contract will not exceed \$3,529.41.

5 **Conditions of Payment**

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant contract must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

6 **Authorized Representative**

The State's Authorized Representative is Heather Bestler, Property Tax Auditor/Treasurer Supervisor, phone: 651.556-4928, email address: heather.bestler@state.mn.us, or her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant contract.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is Kirk Paysar, County Auditor, phone: 218.927-7354, email: kpeysar@co.aitkin.mn.us. If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant contract, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

7 **Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Complete**

7.1 **Assignment.** The Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract without the prior written consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract, or their successors in office.

7.2 **Amendments.** Any amendments to this grant contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract, or their successors in office.

7.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to enforce it.

7.4 **Grant Contract Complete.** This grant contract contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

8 **Liability**

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant contract by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant contract.

9 **State Audits**

Under Minn. Stat. §16B.98, Subd.8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this grant agreement or transaction are

subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later

10 Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property

10.1. *Government Data Practices.* The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant contract. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State.

If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

11 Workers' Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

12 Publicity and Endorsement

12.1 *Publicity.* Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract must identify the State as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the State's Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract.

12.2 *Endorsement.* The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

13 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

14 Termination

14.1 *Termination by the State.* The State may immediately terminate this grant contract with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

14.2 *Termination for Cause.* The State may immediately terminate this grant contract if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant contract, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

15 Data Disclosure

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. ' ' 16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed: _____

Date: 3/17/14 _____

SWIFT Contract/PO No(s), 75684/3000005529 _____

3. STATE AGENCY

By: _____
(with delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

2. GRANTEE

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____