Information Technology Capital Investment Program
Project Status Report

To: Information Technology Strategy and Investment Committee
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Agency: Department of Administrative Services
Project: E-Sourcing Solution

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Reporting Period: Project Inception through 12/31/2019

Total Funds Requested: $876,000

Total Funds Allotted to Agency: $554,100

Accumulative Total Capital Fund Expenditures to Date: $2,875

Brief Project Description/Summary:
The DAS/Procurement Division seeks to replace the State Contracting Portal/Biznet e-sourcing solution with a modern e-sourcing technology solution. We have experienced business problems with our current technology that impacts our ability to service our customers effectively. Areas where we need improvement or new functionality include: keyword searches, preference tracking, on-line customer and supplier performance feedback tools, document management tools, solicitation evaluation tools, work assignment tools and tracking, comprehensive reporting and more. DAS conduced an RFI in 2016 to better understand the market, conducted a LEAN event on our sourcing processes in 2017 and and administered an RFP in 2018 for e-sourcing solutions. The RFP provided an overview of our environment and current technology functionality and envisioned requirements for future functionality & business needs. A cross-functional evaluation team (including agency and municipal representation) reviewed and evaluated all proposals and attended demonstrations from each proposer on their e-sourcing solution. We have identified the most advantageous proposer in accordance with CGS 4a-59 and we are seeking funds to procure and implement their solution.

Summary of Progress Achieved to Date:

Note: in earlier updates we expected the contract to be signed in January 2019, but with the new administration change, we put the project on hold for about 4 months to conduct further due diligence surrounding system interfaces, business/operational needs. The project is back on track and we don't anticipate any risks or further delays.

Contract was signed in December 2019 and project work has kicked off.

Issues and Risks:
No anticipated issues or risks.

Next Steps & Project Milestones:
Discovery is happening between 1/9/20 - 1/16/20 and in the months that follow we will be implementing vendor registration, solicitation management, contract management. We expect to go live (DAS) in July 2020; we will then roll the system out to state agencies and municipalities August - November 2020.