

Technology Reinvestment Fund
Annual Status Report – January 2013 (FY13) - Iowa Judicial Branch
Funding for Electronic Document Management System (EDMS)

Project

The Iowa Judicial Branch began work on mandatory Electronic Filing of documents for the second time in 2007. “The project is designed to implement an Electronic Document Management System (hereinafter “EDMS”) to facilitate the electronic filing of information/documents with Courts of Iowa.”¹ The EDMS project covers all District courts as well as the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Progress

Work began following contract signing in November 2008. Design, development, testing, training and implementation were completed in two (2) pilot counties in Calendar Year 2010.

EDMS business and technical staff continue to enhance EDMS in order to realize efficiencies, make it easier for court filers to use, and improve access to the judicial system for the citizens of Iowa, as well as filers from other states involved in litigation in Iowa courts.

Further enhancements and improvements continue as implementation continues. Implementation of EDMS has been completed in fifteen (15) counties in judicial sub-districts 3B and 2B currently. Additionally, implementation is planned to reach as many as 30 counties in Calendar Year 2013 including work in sub-districts 5C, 3A, 4 and 5B. The Judicial Branch provides onsite training for internal and external filers prior to implementation in a county or group of counties. Due to staffing shortages in the Judicial Branch contract staff have been hired to assist in the training and support functions for the EDMS project.

Work continues on the design, development and training for electronic filing to cases on appeal in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals courts with complete implementation anticipated in calendar year 2013.

Total Approved Funding for EDMS Project

Estimated EDMS project cost is \$19,000,000 over 5 years. Technology Investment Funds approved for the EDMS project is \$1,000,000 for FY13. Technology Reinvestment Funds approved for the EDMS project in FY 14 is \$3,000,000.

Funding Sources for the EDMS Project

The Enhanced Court Collections Fund, the Court Technology Fund, and Technology Reinvestment Funds are being used for this project.

Total Project Funds Expended

Total expended funds from all sources are approximately \$15,500,000 as of December 31, 2012. Estimated completion date for full implementation is June 2015.

Funds Expended from Technology Reinvestment Funds (FY13)

Software Development	\$ 701,604.00
Hardware (PC's / Scanners)	\$ 161,719.00
Software (License / Maintenance)	\$ 90,151.00
Network Cabling	\$ 5,450.00
Expended Technology Reinvestment Funds Total (Dec 31, 2012)	\$ 958,924.00
Unexpended Technology Reinvestment Funds (Dec 31, 2012)	\$ 41,076.00

Product enhancement and implementation continues in additional counties and sub-districts which as noted above and the unexpended funds will be used for those items.

¹ Source: Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) RFP # JB050508 – title page.