

Iowa Department of Natural Resources – Field Office (FO) Compliance Database – Request for Additional Design Phase Funding

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To: IOWAccess Advisory Council
From: Cindy Garza
Re: Request for Additional Funding for the Design Phase of the 'Department of Natural Resources Compliance Database' Project

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting an additional \$25,000 to complete the Design Phase of the subject project.

This increased cost is the result of several factors including:

1. After more detailed design meetings between DNR staff and ITE project staff, the project is better defined in terms of project requirements. The increased estimates are due to a knowledge gain and several tasks that were omitted in the original estimate.
2. Better understanding of processes and procedures between the 6 (six) office sites. During the design phase meetings, there have been costs associated with numerous detailed process and procedural discussions between the offices site representatives which were not anticipated in the original request for design funding. These discussions have resulted in a better understanding of similarities and differences between the office sites but have added to the complexity of the application and the number of screens that are required in the application.
3. In the design phase of this project, the DNR team members have spent considerable time verifying the application being built will accommodate processes currently being used, and at the same time have been cognizant of trying to build an application that would allow for future expansion with minimal required changes.

With this request for additional Design phase funding is the expectation that the DNR and ITE project staff will design an application that will meet the needs of the public as well as the varying DNR office sites.