

FINANCE

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

Capital Improvement Program

PROJECT LIST BY DEPARTMENT

Finance Department

PROJECT TITLE	YEAR	G.O. BONDS	STATE	FEDERAL	OTHER	TOTAL
Applications - Finance						
Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) System Replacement	2011	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Project CIP Total		0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Applications - Finance CIP Total		0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Finance Department CIP Total		0	0	0	5,000	5,000

Applications - Finance

Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) System Replacement

Project ID: 08550

Project Type: Replacement

Start Date: January 2011

Location: Assembly: Areawide

End Date: December 2013

Description:

Replacement of computerized system that performs the following functions:

- Supports the Municipality's property appraisal functions
- Generates information for property tax billing
- Records property taxes paid and generates delinquency information for follow up actions
- Serves as the source of real property information including ownership, land use, and physical improvements

Comments:

The Municipality has investigated CAMA alternatives and the risks and benefits of moving to a modern system. Additionally, the Municipality has talked to other jurisdictions who have recently upgraded their systems. In light of these discussions, it is in the best interest of the Municipality to solicit bids to replace CAMA.

Justification:

When CAMA was purchased 22 years ago, the system was used by many other major taxing entities. At this time Anchorage is the only remaining client still using the software. In addition to technological obsolescence, there are financial reasons to replace CAMA. CAMA is one of only two remaining systems operating on the mainframe. The other is PeopleSoft. Once CAMA and PeopleSoft are updated, the mainframe will be scrapped, thereby reducing annual operating costs by about \$1 million per year. These cost savings do not take into account business efficiencies and improved information exchanges between municipal business units and the public that a modern system will provide.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Revenue Sources							
Internal Charges to Others	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
Project Total:	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000

O & M Costs