

**Legislative Finance Committee: IT Project Portfolio
Supplemental Report**

LFC Meeting Date:

A. General Project Information

1. Agency: Agriculture (MDA)
2. Project Title: Agricultural Licensing System
3. Date Prepared: 9/4/15
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B. Project Status

1. Overall Health: Green
2. Brief description of current project status
 - *The original vendor (IronData Solutions through an alliance with Montana Interactive, LLC (MI)) left the project in 2014.*
 - *MDA discussed other vendors as possible solutions to the project. The National Agribusiness Technology Center (NATC) grants usage of a USAPlants product license for no charge to qualifying clients. Computer Aid, Inc. (CAI) is the certified vendor who installs and implements the software.*
 - *Project contracts were developed and reviewed between MDA, MI, NATC, CAI and the Montana Department of Administration (DOA).*
 - i. *Contracts were signed in early June 2015 with USAPlants as the deliverable from NATC and CAI.*
 - *MI has committed to making MDA whole on funds that were expended (\$283,295) to the initial vendor of the project.*
3. Major milestones completed so far: *The project scope has been defined and agreed upon. Phase 1 data migration has been completed and development has started.*
4. Next milestone(s): *Phase 1 completion (November 2015).*

C. Scope Changes

Title and Brief Description	Date Approved	Schedule Impact (weeks)	Budget Impact (\$ amount)

D. Issues and Risks

Title and Brief Description	Date Identified	Planned Resolution	Responsible for Resolution

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E. Additional Comments

The project is a complete update of the Division's day-to-day business processes. The main components include the licensing, product and site registration, assessments, mobile inspection, enforcement and e-commerce of several programs.

Cost and estimates associated with the IronData portion of the project are no longer included in this report. The 'Original Cost Estimate' includes the estimated cost for personnel during the 2½ year project timeframe, plus hardware and setup costs, plus product implementation costs for USAPlants, respectfully (\$535,147 + \$35,000 + \$566,200 = \$1,136,347). The department has made no payments to this vendor to date. The annual maintenance fee of \$26,450 is not considered in the amount.