

Colorado Bureau of Investigation releases RFP for AFIS replacement

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On April 14, 2011, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) released a solicitation for a new automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS). The current Sagem Morpho AFIS was purchased in 1992, and the maintenance costs are increasing due to the system's age. Replacement parts are also becoming more difficult to find, which makes the equipment expensive to maintain. Future support of older platforms by the current vendor cannot be guaranteed and maintaining the system represents a significant operational risk.

The CBI understands the need to expedite and improve background checks. These checks, which are used to determine whether an individual should work in sensitive areas such as with children or handling money, involve searches of Colorado and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history records. However, under the CBI's current technology and practices, these checks can take several weeks to complete.

It is the goal of the CBI to acquire a new AFIS to provide an online database of latent fingerprints, palm prints, mug shots, scars, marks, tattoos, and demographic data. The AFIS records will be searchable by authorized agencies statewide for positive identification, criminal investigations and background checks. An enhanced automated AFIS would dramatically increase both public safety and crime solving capabilities of all law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado.

The CBI's primary goals and objectives are:

- Workflow process and performance improvements
- Support for automation of civil fingerprint submissions
- Expanded identification services
- Improved record access
- Improved reliability and maintainability

The state will hold a pre-proposal conference for the AFIS replacement project on April 27, 2011. Vendor questions are due April 28, 2011, and proposals are due May 31, 2011. Vendor interviews and demonstrations are scheduled for June 21, 2011. A notice of intent to award is scheduled for June 30, 2011, with a contract finalized by September 1, 2011. For more information on this project, please see GovWin's tracked opportunity report [HERE](#).