

March 8, 2001

Thom Rubel  
Director, State Information Technology Policy  
NGA Center for Best Practices  
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Dear Mr. Rubel:

Enclosed is North Dakota's Criminal Justice Information Sharing Plan. The NGA planning grant was extremely helpful in providing the impetus to establish a governance structure and plan for further integration initiatives.

The Criminal Justice Information Sharing Plan documents North Dakota's current and future plans with regard to integration. We are requesting consideration for additional funding for three projects identified in the plan as "Next Steps to Pursuing a Full-scale Information Sharing Agenda." These projects build on the state's current planning efforts and are critical if we are to pursue integration from a broader perspective.

The table below identifies the projects and the funding requested:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Dollars Requested</b>
Document requirements and design the information sharing architecture	\$150,000
Develop data standards	\$100,000
Identify priority projects	\$60,000

If funding is obtained these projects can be completed in the next 24 months.

Governor John Hoeven has already issued an Executive Order establishing a Criminal Justice Information Board and Executive Committee to oversee criminal justice integration activities. I will act as his representative to keep him informed and request his support when needed to further these initiatives. Eleven executives of state agencies and organizations involved with criminal justice initiatives have also indicated their support for this effort by signing a Memo of Understanding.

This level of support and a well thought-out plan provide us with tremendous potential for success. We hope that you will give careful consideration to this request. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call me at (701)-328-3190 or Nancy Walz, the project coordinator, at (701)328-1991.

Sincerely,

Curt Wolfe  
Chief Information Officer  
Information Technology Department