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Status of the Michigan Electronic Reporting and Tracking System (MERTS) Replacement Project

December 1, 2022

Pursuant to Public Act 166 of 2022

Sec. 722a. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department of state shall provide a report by December 1 describing the progress made on updating MERTS and on contracting with a vendor to modernize or replace the department of state's current automated election system. The report must be submitted to the house of representatives and senate appropriations subcommittees on general government, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget office. The report must include all of the following:

(a) A timeline for completion of the modernization or replacement of MERTS.

(b) Dates of full implementation of the updated or new system and any phased rollout of implementation of the system.

(c) Anticipated costs of the project in the current fiscal year and projected costs in subsequent fiscal years.

(2) As used in this section, "MERTS" means the Michigan electronic reporting and tracking system.

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Overview

In July 2022 the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) posted a Request for Proposals (RFP) on behalf of the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) to procure a new system to provide campaign finance disclosure and compliance reporting pursuant the Michigan Campaign Finance Act. Below you will find an overview of the timeline, implementation, and costs pursuant to PA 166 of 2022.

Timeline

The expected timeline leading to implementation is as follows:

- July 2022 - RFP posted
- August 2022 -Proposals received
- September 2022 - Review of proposals
- October 2022 - Vendor demonstrations and initial contract draft
- November 2022 – Contract negotiation with lead bidder
- January 2023 – Contract execution/Approval by State Administrative Board
- Throughout 2023 - System design/Configuration/Transition

Implementation

- System implementation is expected in early 2024 dependent on design and contract.

Costs

- System costs are currently under negotiation as part of contract development with potential awardee.