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Project Name: Welfare Fraud Analytics Reporting System: Consortia Data Enhancemer

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Description

Brief description of the proposed project:

This proposal is to enhance the Welfare Fraud Analytics Reporting System solution to assist California in the protection of its CalWORKS and FoodStamps Benefit Programs from fraud by making Consortia stored county client information available to the data analytics solution/ This enhancement will allow California to detect duplicate aid fraud, identify potential fraud rings and to provide potential fraud pattern alerts to catch fraud earlier.

Need Statement

High Level Functional Requirements:

1. Make county level client information stored in the SAWS consortias available to the Welfare Fraud Analytics Reporting System 2. Add additional programming to WFARS to allow for the automatic matching of system duplicates. 3. Add additional programming to WFARS to integrate the match information to the secure county outcome reporting web portal.

What is Driving This Need?

1. The immediate need is in response to Executive Order 09-10 which asked CDSS to develop a strategy to better protect California's benefit programs. 2. California may soon be out of compliance with federal regulations to conduct duplicate aid checks if the defunding of the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System is implemented. 3. Give California a system which will allow for comprehensive program management information. 4, Give California the ability to detect, prevent and prosecute systemic and welfare ring fraud throughout California.

Risk to the Organization if This Work is Not Done:

1. California could become out of compliance with Federal duplicate aid detection regulations.. 2. Prosecution thresholds in counties prevent many welfare fraud cases from ever being prosecuted. 3. California will have very little program data available to make sound policy and program cost benefit decisions.

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Benefit Statement

Intangible Benefits

Process Improvements (describe the nature of the process improvement):
This will improve what we know and how we react to welfare fraud in California.

Other Intangible Benefits:
This will allow California to maintain compliance with Federal regulations regarding duplicate aid detection.

Tangible Benefits

Revenue Generation (describe how revenue will be generated):
This proposed enhancement will allow California to prosecute more cases of welfare fraud by linking smaller cases together allow fraud cases to meet prosecution thresholds. This will bring in revenue and recover expenses.

Cost Savings (describe how cost will be reduced):
This proposed enhancement will allow California to detect and prevent individuals from committing duplicate aid fraud. In addition will provide currently unaccessible information or expensively obtain information to the welfare fraud investigative community routinely at a low shared cost, saving expenses in county investigations.

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Cost Avoidance (describe the cost and how avoided):
 This proposed enhancement will prevent payments for duplicate aid fraud. It will allow for the detection of other fraud forms allowing benefits to be stopped for individuals in welfare fraud rings.

Risk Avoidance (describe the risk and how avoided):
 Consortia systems would need to give access to the needed data - work with the consortia to make sure issues are addressed, learn from other projects who also tap into consortia held data.

Improved Services:
 CDSS will be providing enhanced services to the counties' investigative and prosecution arms by giving them reports, alerts and evidence enough to address more substantive fraud cases without increased work on their part. CDSS would be protecting the integrity of its beneficiary programs and taxpayer monies.

Consistency

"No" Responses	Rationale	Action Required
Enterprise Architecture		
Business Plan		
Strategic Plan		

Impact to Other Agencies

Nature of Impact to Other Agencies

Agency: _____
Describe the nature of the impact:
 Office of Systems Integration: It is expected that OSI will be involved in the development of the need data sharing services between the consortia and the WFARS

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Describe the nature of the impact:

Counties: It will be expected that County investigations and processing work will be more effecient by this solution and that new procedures will need to be followed for its implementation. In addition there will be an increase in the number of viable prosecutions for welfare fraud expected.

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Solution Alternatives

Alternative 1:

Expansion of the Statewide Engagement project to increase the number of requested fields in the consortia data extract to include necessary fraud detection fields and to make this information accessible to WFARS.

Technical Considerations for Alternative 1:

This makes use of an existing technology already in use by CDSS however does not allow for real time information.

ROM Cost: _____ to _____

Note: high end of range must not exceed 200% of low end of range

Alternative 2:

Technical Considerations for Alternative 2:

ROM Cost: _____ to _____

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Alternative 3:

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Technical Considerations for Alternative 3:		
ROM Cost: _____	to	_____ Note: high end of range must not exceed 200% of low end of range

Recommendation

Comparison:

Alternative 1	ROM Cost	Risk
	\$0 - \$0	
Alternative 2	ROM Cost	Risk
	\$0 - \$0	
Alternative 3	ROM Cost	Risk
	\$0 - \$0	

Conclusions:

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Recommendation:

Project Approach *(if known)*

System Complexity:		System Business Hours: <i>(e.g., 24x7, 9am-5pm)</i> :		
Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Mainframe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Client Server	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web Based	Num. of New Databases: _____
Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New to Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-House Experience	Interfaces: _____
Implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Roll-out		Num. of Sites: _____
M & O Support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Data Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> In House
Procurement Approach: Public Bid				Number of Procurements: _____
Open Procurement?	Yes	Delegated Procurement?		
Scope of Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Implementation	<input type="checkbox"/> M & O	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Anticipated Length of Contract:	24 months	Years /	extensions for	years