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NORFOLK REGISTRY DISTRICT OF THE LAND COURT

WILLIAM P. O'DONNELL
REGISTER OF DEEDS
ASSISTANT RECORDER OF THE
LAND COURT

Sent electronically

December 1, 2025

The Honorable Michael Hurley
Clerk of the Senate
State House – Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Timothy Carroll
House Clerk
State House – Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

RE: County Register Technological Fund
(October 2025) Plan for the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

Dear Honorable Clerks Hurley and Carroll:

This is a submission of a plan for expenditures from the County Technological Fund for the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, and a request for referral of this plan to the Committee on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight.

The proposed plan is consistent with the Registry's submitted IT profile, the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003, and M.G.L. Chapter 29, Section 2KKK for the purposed of technological improvements at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds utilizing systems interoperable with other like systems used by other registries. In preparing this plan I have consulted with the Commonwealth's Chief Information Officer and the State Secretary, as per the attached letters.

The specific proposed expenditures, totaling \$750,000.00 are for:

Back Indexing of Registry of Deeds Records	\$650,000.00
Redundant Back Up of Land Records/Indexes	\$100,000.00

Detail including descriptions and proposed component costs is attached. All services (and equipment, where applicable) are to be obtained pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 30B.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William P. O'Donnell, Norfolk County Register of Deeds

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October 30, 2025

Michelle Vaughn, Assistant Secretary of Strategy and Planning
Executive Office of Technology Services & Security
One Ashburton Place, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Re: County Registers Technological Fund Consultation

Dear Secretary Vaughn:

This is a letter of consultation regarding Norfolk County Registry of Deeds proposed fifty-sixth (56th) plan for expenditure from the County Registers Technological Fund.

The proposed plan is consistent with the Registry's submitted IT profile and the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003 and MGL Chapter 29 Section 2KKK for purposes of technological improvements at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds utilizing systems interoperable with other like systems used by other registries.

The specific proposed expenditures, totaling \$750,000, have been developed and are for:

- A. Back Indexing of Registry of Deeds Records (\$650,000);
- B. Redundant Back-Up of Land Records and Indexes (\$100,00)

Detail including descriptions and proposed component costs is attached. All services (and equipment, where applicable) are to be obtained pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 30B. This continues an ongoing approved Registry project.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience with your comments and suggestions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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<p>A. <u>Back Indexing of Registry of Deeds Records.</u></p> <p>The requested funding is to continue the procured re-indexing services for documents recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds. The data and information on the Registry documents recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds will be input into the document management system utilizing current indexing standards promulgated by the Massachusetts Registers of Deeds Association and the State Secretary's office. This project will be of service to Registry users and those doing legal title research as well as those doing historical and genealogical research via internet land research.</p>	<p>\$650,000</p>
<p>B. <u>Redundant Back-Up of Land Records and Indexes</u></p> <p>The requested funding is to continue to make sure Land records and/or Indexes for the Land Records recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds continues. This project will be of service to Registry users and those doing legal title research as well as those doing historical and genealogical research via printed land records and/or Registry indexes. This will augment and be part of the Business Continuity Plan at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds.</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>\$750,000</p>

All equipment and services procurement pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 30B.



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