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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

October 10, 2023

The Honorable Steven T. James  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State House Room 145  
Boston, MA 02133

Hand Delivered

Re: Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Technological Fund Thirty-Fifth Request

Dear Mr. James:

This is a submission of our thirty-fifth request for expenditure from the County Registers' Technological Fund for the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, and a request for a referral of this plan to the Committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight. **I respectfully request that this submission be entered into your docket at your earliest convenience.**

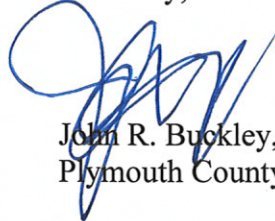
Consistent with the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003 and M.G.L. Chapter 29, §2KKK, the proposed expenditures are for purposes of technological improvements at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds utilizing systems interoperable with other like systems used by other registries. In preparing this plan, I have consulted with the Commonwealth's Chief Information Officer and the State Secretary in accordance with the approval process. Their responses are attached.

The specific proposed expenditures totaling Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$766,000.00) are identified in the attached copy of our thirty-fifth request. We

also have included an update, as of September 8, 2023, of the funds available within our account.

As identified in our request, all expenditures of funds will be in compliance with M.G.L. c. 30B. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Buckley, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

John R. Buckley, Jr.  
Plymouth County Register of Deeds

Enclosures:

1. Thirty-Fifth Request to Secretary of State and Commonwealth Information Technology Division dated July 20, 2023
2. Approval from the Commonwealth's Information Technology Division and the Secretary of State's Office.
3. Account Balance in Plymouth County Technological Fund Balance





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July 20, 2023

Honorable William F. Galvin  
Secretary of State  
State House  
24 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02133

### **CERTIFIED MAIL – Return Receipt Requested**

Re: Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Technological Fund Thirty Fifth Request

Dear Secretary Galvin:

Please consider this correspondence to be the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds' letter of consultation and thirty fifth request for funding. This request is part of our proposed technological improvements which require expenditure of funds from that portion of the County Registers' Technological Fund that has been generated by the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds and deposited with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. The request is consistent with our previously submitted "Registry of Deeds IT Profile."

The Plymouth County Registry of Deeds' Thirty Fifth Request is intended to maintain and improve the Registry's ability to meet the demands for public access and improve the quality of our records.

#### 1. Security

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| Estimated Cost:  | \$10,000.00                          |
| Possible Vendor: | Baltic Security, LLC<br>Sandwich, MA |



2. Transcription Project

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Estimated Cost: \$756,000.00  
Likely Vendor: Avenu  
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**TOTAL THIRTY FIFTH REQUEST:**

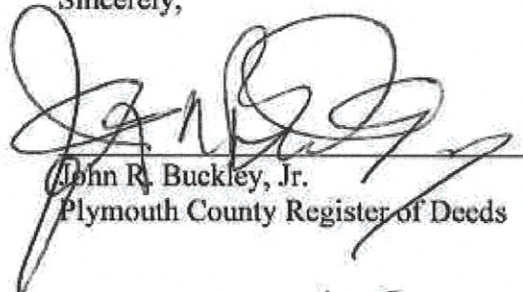
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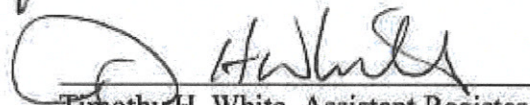
**\$1,838,350.11  
(See attached report)**

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John R. Buckley, Jr.  
Plymouth County Register of Deeds



Timothy H. White, Assistant Register  
And Chief Procurement Officer

Cc: Paul McCarthy  
Bobbi Baker  
Tim Larkin  
Frank Basler  
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July 20, 2023

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Mr. Sean Hughes

Assist. Sec. for Technology, Security & Operations | Chief Operating Officer  
Executive Office of Technology Services & Security  
One Ashburton Place, Room 801  
Boston, MA 02108

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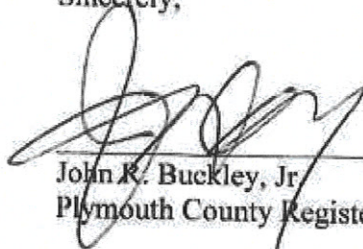
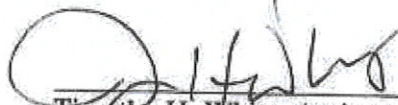
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September 8, 2023

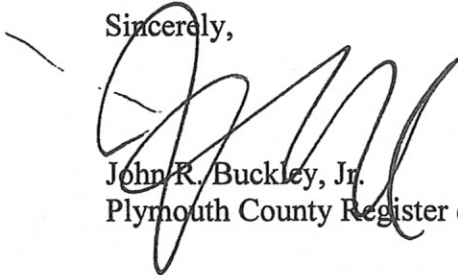
Honorable Deb Goldberg  
Office of the State Treasurer  
And Receiver General  
One Ashburton Place, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Treasurer Goldberg:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and no cents (\$44,495.00) representing the monies collected from August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 for the "County Registers Technological Fund".

As you can see in the attached report, the balance in the Plymouth County Technology Fund Account should be One Million Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$1,920,500.11).

Sincerely,



John R. Buckley, Jr.  
Plymouth County Register of Deeds





**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Administrative Services

Paul C. McCarthy  
CFO  
Director, Registry of Deeds

August 23, 2023

John Buckley  
Plymouth County Registry of Deeds  
50 Obery Street  
Plymouth, MA 02360

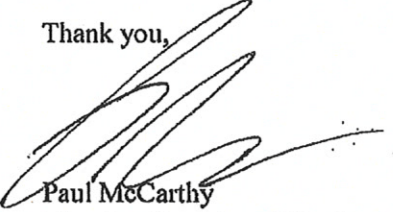
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Dear Register Buckley,

This letter is in response to the Plymouth County Technological Fund request on July 20, 2023, to expend a total of \$766,000.00 from the County Register's Technological Fund for the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2003, is asked to review each of the Registers Technological Fund requests to ensure consistency with the IT plans of the Commonwealth and of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Pursuant to the General Laws Chapter 36, Section 41, governing all County Registry of Deeds, this falls within the intentions of the county surcharge.

Please note this approval shall not act as an endorsement of any one vendor associated with this expenditure request.

Thank you,

  
Paul McCarthy  
Director, Registry of Deeds  
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

Cc: Tim Larkin, ITD





# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES & SECURITY

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**MAURA HEALEY**  
Governor

**JASON SNYDER**  
Secretary/Chief Information Officer

**KIM DRISCOLL**  
Lieutenant Governor

August 25, 2023

Mr. John R. Buckley, Jr.  
Plymouth County Register of Deeds  
50 Obery Street  
Plymouth, MA 02360

Dear Mr. Buckley,

This letter is in response to your request dated July 20, 2023, to expend \$766,000.00 from the County Register's Technological Fund. This request is consistent with your strategy for technological improvements at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

I urge you to continue with information technology projects that support your long-term information technology strategy. If you need further assistance or have questions, please contact Tim Larkin in my office at: 617-626-4476.

Sincerely,

*Sean M. Hughes*

Sean Hughes  
Assistant Secretary for Technology, Security and Operations / Chief Operating Officer

Cc: Honorable William F. Galvin  
Samantha Blatchford, SEC  
Keryn Cadogan, SEC  
Paul McCarthy, SEC  
Theresa Curtis, EOTSS  
Tim Larkin, EOTSS