



The COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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May 3, 2024

Steven James, Clerk
Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House
Boston, Ma 02133

RE: St.2003, c. 4, §4

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Please docket this submission and forward the same to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means and House and Senate Committees on Post Audit and Oversight as required under the provisions of the above act.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2024

Mr. Paul McCarthy, CFO/Budget Director
Director of the Registry of Deeds
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA. 02108

Re: Bristol County Registry of Deeds – Southern District Technology Funds

Dear Director McCarthy:

I am writing to you at this time to make a formal request for a distribution from the Technology Funds account held from proceeds received from this Registry of Deeds Office. According to our calculations there is \$1,093,245.00 being held by the state. The amount I am requesting is \$750,000.00. After the distribution of these funds, the remaining balance is estimated at \$343,245.00. I request that the monies be sent to our office, and in turn be held by The Bristol County Treasurer.

These funds will be utilized for the implementation of a new recording, indexing, and software system at the Registry for on-site and online purposes with the addition of new equipment to accommodate the new system.

Furthermore, in addition to implementing a new software system the remaining funds will provide the Registry with the capability to continue our Historical Back Indexing Projects allowing for more Registry records to be accessible online.

Your authorization for the distribution of these funds will allow for a more efficient and accurate software system, and a larger volume of historical records to be available to the legal community and the general public. In doing so this will allow the Bristol South Registry to better assist the constituents of Bristol County.



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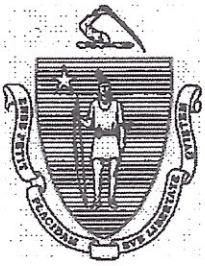
AIT LLC – New software system	\$400,000.00
AIT LLC – New computer equipment	\$ 50,000.00
Avenu Insights & Analytics – Historical Back Indexing	\$ 300,000.00

Respectfully,

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Sherrilynn Mello

Register, Bristol South



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March 22, 2024

Sherrilynn Mello
Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Southern District
25 North Sixth Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Register Mello,

This letter is in response to your request dated March 13, 2024, to expend \$750,000.00 from the County Register's Technological Fund. This request is consistent with your strategy for technological improvements at the Bristol 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,

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Michelle Vaughn
Assistant Secretary of Strategy and Planning

Cc: Honorable William F. Galvin
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