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MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

March 28, 2011

Judicial Information System Committee
State Court Administrator
Washington State Administrative Offices of the Courts
PO Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504-1170

Re: Request for approval of local automated court record system.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to JISCR 13, the Spokane Municipal Court is providing notice that it plans to purchase an automated court records system. The court is seeking review and approval of this system from the Judicial Information System Committee.

Spokane Municipal Court has entered into negotiations with New Dawn Technologies to purchase licenses for the program JustWare. Information about this software can be found at www.NewDawnTech.com under the "Municipal Court" tab. Our court is particularly interested in this vendor because three other departments within our jurisdiction, probation, prosecution, and the public defenders, are already using this software. If and when the court obtains licenses, the software will provide an all-encompassing and paperless court records system.

Moving to this software and a paperless system will streamline work order, eliminate the need for duplicate data-entry between the various agencies, reduce the error rate, speed up the flow of information, and provide greater access to justice. New Dawn has assured the court that its software will bridge seamlessly with JIS to push and pull information from JIS without the need for additional data-entry. We anticipate that some of the JustWare information will be available on the court's website as well as a public terminal at the clerk's window. Paper forms will be created and provided to defendants and private counsel.

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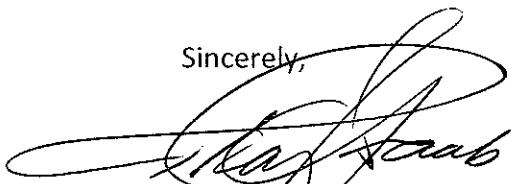
In addition to the benefits this system will provide to the municipal court and related agencies, our use of JustWare will provide a great opportunity to determine if New Dawn can provide reliable software for a state-wide system. We anticipate purchasing and implementing this system as soon as the JIS Committee provides approval.

I would be happy to meet with the Committee along with representatives of New Dawn, and provide any additional information and/or a demonstration of the proposed court records system. Please advise as to any additional steps the Court should take to assist in the evaluation and approval process.

Sincerely,



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cc: Presiding Judge Mary C. Logan
Veronica Diseth, Chief Information Officer
Cindy Marshall, Spokane Municipal Court Administrator