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Dear Ms. Dietz:

Thank you for including the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA) in the discussion regarding expedited planning for an improved case management system. The DMCJA Board of Governors has prioritized the support of a new CLJ case management system as a priority issue shortly after the initial request was entered into the IT Governance portal on July 8, 2011.

It is our understanding, as it has been represented by Ms. Callie Dietz, Ms. Vonnie Diseth, and Mr. Dirk Marler that a commitment to a commercial off the shelf (COTS) case management system will allow the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to bypass the traditional feasibility study and therefore likely speed up the ability for AOC to provide a new case management system.

It is also our understanding that this commitment will in turn put in motion a plan for business requirements gathering subject to AOC funding and staff availability. The current projection for the beginning of business requirements gathering is 2014. On April 12, the DMCJA Board of Governors authorized support of pursuing a COTS solution to assist the expediency of the process. This general support of a COTS solution does not signal a commitment to a particular product for the courts of limited jurisdiction regardless of whether the product is selected by another court level or for another project.

We look forward to assisting AOC in the business requirements gathering process and are hopeful this process can begin as soon as practicable.

Sincerely,

Judge Sara B. Derr
DMCJA President

cc: Judge James Heller, DMCJA JISC Representative
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