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Judicial Information System Committee
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Re: Request for approval of local automated case management system.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

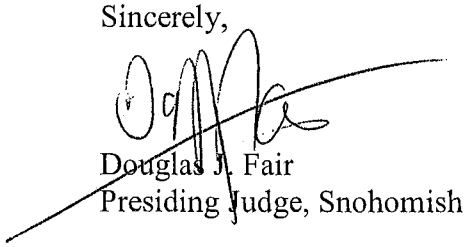
Pursuant to JISCR 13, the Snohomish County District Court is providing notice that it plans to purchase an automated case management system. The court is seeking review and approval of this system from the Judicial Information System Committee. We anticipate purchasing and implementing this system as soon as the JIS Committee provides approval.

Snohomish County District Court has entered into negotiations with Journal Technologies to purchase licenses for the programs eCourt and eProbation. Information about this software can be found at http://journaltech.com/. Our court is particularly interested in this vendor because it will supply the court and probation the ability to integrate seamlessly, provide improved access to data for our local population, and will eliminate double data entry for court and probation staff. Additionally, our local prosecutor's office uses a legacy version of this system and will be able to integrate with the court, eliminating double data entry for both entities.

Moving to this software and a paperless system will streamline work flow, eliminate the need for duplicate data entry between various entities, reduce error rate, speed up the flow of information, and provide greater public access. Journal Technologies has assured the court that its software will bridge seamlessly with the Enterprise Data Repository (EDR) to push and pull information from the EDR without the need for additional data entry. We anticipate that some of the eCourt and eProbation information will be available on the court's website as well as public terminals. Paper forms will be generated and provided to the public, defendants, and counsel as appropriate.

I am happy to meet with the Committee along with representatives from Journal Technologies, and provide any additional information and/or a demonstration of the proposed case management system. Please advise us if there are any additional steps the court should take to assist in the evaluation and approval process.

Sincerely,



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