



IOWAccess Project Concept Paper

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Project Name: Volunteer Iowa

Is this project in support of a program designated as an Iowa Great Place, pursuant to section 303.3c?:

Requesting Agency:

Yes No

Project Point(s)-of-Contact: *(include name and phone number)*

Kristin Honz, 515-242-5467 or Karen Crosby, 515-242-4798

Project Sponsor: *(include name and phone number)*

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, Adam Lounsbury, Executive Director, 515-242-5466

Background:

Over the past few years, several states have developed similar projects in which national and statewide volunteer referral databases are linked through a common portal. The ICVS portal would offer many benefits to the citizens, nonprofit and governmental agencies of Iowa, and faith-based and corporate volunteer programs such as those described below. A one-stop shop for volunteerism, recruitment and referral is the goal of this project. The project also strengthens the position of the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in achieving its legislated mission of providing volunteer referral information for Iowans.

Expected Results in this Project:

The project is designed to 1) increase volunteerism in Iowa; 2) increase accessibility of volunteer opportunities; 3) allow nonprofit organizations to find volunteers with relevant skills to meet community needs; and 4) allow volunteers to find opportunities that meet their specific interests, talents, and availability. In addition, we will evaluate the possibility of use of the project for deployment of volunteers in disaster preparedness, response and recovery as well as determining whether nonprofit agencies would like to use the system for volunteer management and tracking.

Request: *(include dollar amount and description of what will be purchased - i.e. services, hardware, software)*

We request \$15,000 for scope analysis for this project.

Project Timeline: *(estimate start and end dates for project spending)*

We anticipate a 6-month timeframe for the scope analysis, beginning in May 2008.

Resources Being Contributed: *(people or funds being contributed to the project by the sponsoring agency- include role/% of time or amount in dollars)*

Staff Time: 15% staff time (value=\$3,600)

Recipients of this Service:

The recipients of this service will be any individual or group interested in volunteering as well as nonprofit organizations, schools, government agencies, emergency management departments and others who use volunteers to accomplish their missions in improving communities.

Acknowledgement of Conditions for

Approval of IOWAccess Project

Project Approval Conditions

IOWAccess Revolving Fund project approvals are based upon the application materials submitted to the IOWAccess Advisory Council and approved by the Director of DAS. Recipients of IOWAccess projects are subject to the following conditions.

- The Iowa Accountable Government Act, Iowa Code Chapter 8E
- Information technology standards and practices that are applicable to “participating agencies”, the Office of the Governor, and elective constitutional or statutory officers pursuant to Iowa Code Section 8A.206.
- Iowa Administrative Code Section 11-25(8A) - Information Technology Operational Standards.
- Policies and procedures of the IOWAccess Advisory Council and DAS as outlined in this acknowledgement or published on their websites.

IOWAccess Project Policy Guides

The acceptance of an IOWAccess Project is based on the following:

- Sponsoring agency is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of IOWAccess Projects through the application of sound management practices.
- The IOWAccess Project Process is guidance only and describes a customary sequence used in software development. As such, sponsoring agencies are not required to conform to the IOWAccess Project Process.
- Sponsoring agency assumes responsibility for using IOWAccess funds in a manner consistent with program objectives and the terms and conditions of the IOWAccess Project.
- Sponsoring agency will commit appropriate resources in a timely manner to the project to prevent undue delay in project completion.
- Sponsoring agency will be responsible for compliance with audit requirements.
- Approval of one phase of an IOWAccess project does not mean that other phases will be approved. Each phase is subject to separate approval.

Guidelines for Costs

Allowable costs

To be allowable under IOWAccess Projects, costs must meet the following general criteria:

- Be necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance of IOWAccess Projects.
- Be authorized or not prohibited under State or local laws or regulations.
 - ✓ Not be included as a cost or used to meet cost sharing or matching requirements of any other State or Federal Project in either the current or a prior period, except as specifically provided by State law or regulation.

Reasonable costs

A cost is reasonable if, in its nature and amount, it does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the cost. In determining the reasonableness of a cost, consideration shall be given to:

- Whether the cost is of a type generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the operation of the sponsoring agency or performance under the IOWAccess Project.
- Market prices for comparable goods or services.

Composition of Cost

Typical costs chargeable to IOWAccess Projects are:

- Cost of materials acquired, consumed, or expended specifically for the purpose of those Projects.
- Equipment and other capital expenditures detailed in the application and previously approved as part of the Project.

Amounts not recoverable as costs under one State or Federal Project may not be shifted to another State or Federal Project, unless specifically authorized by State or Federal legislation or regulation.

Availability of Funds

DAS Finance processes the disbursement of all funds for IOWAccess Projects. Qualifying expenditures for goods and services obtained from other than DAS-ITE or Iowa Interactive, LLC, must be paid by the sponsor and submitted to DAS for reimbursement. In order to facilitate the timely processing of IOWAccess Project reimbursements, entities must use the following process:

- The request must be submitted by the sponsor in writing or through e-mail to the IOWAccess Manager.
- The request must include the following information:
 - ✓ Identification of the IOWAccess Project for which reimbursement is being sought,
 - ✓ The amount of reimbursement requested,
 - ✓ Period of time covered by request,
 - ✓ A comprehensive description of the items covered by the request, and
 - ✓ Copies of any supportive documentation (e.g. vendor invoices, documentation for completed work).
- The IOWAccess Manager will review the supporting financial information and evaluate it against the originally approved project.
- When satisfied that the request meets the stated requirements, the IOWAccess Manager will recommend the request for approval for payment and submit it to DAS Finance for processing.
- In no case will the total reimbursement for each phase exceed the approved amount of the Project phase.

The sponsor seeking reimbursement of expenses is responsible for retaining all necessary documentation pertaining to the relevance and results of the work performed and will provide such documentation upon request. DAS Finance will refer the Auditor of State to the sponsor should there be any questions about the expenditures associated with the Project.

Sponsor Monthly Status Reports

No later than the 21st day of each month the sponsoring agency shall submit a status report to the IOWAccess Manager if work is being performed by a developer *other than DAS-ITE or Iowa Interactive, LLC*. This status report should include:

- A short narrative of the accomplishments for the month.
- Descriptions of any changes in tasks, resources, or issues materially affecting the project plan and, if necessary, a schedule with new target dates provided.

Changes to an Project

All changes to the Project, or the proposal that resulted in the Project, must be reviewed by the IOWAccess Advisory Council. The Sponsor must be prepared to appear before the IOWAccess Advisory Council to answer questions and provide any clarifications necessary prior to any action by the Council regarding a change to the Project. Reasons for requesting a change to the amount of the Project include, but are not limited to:

- Changes in the scope or objectives of the Project.
- Changes in the amount of project funding.
- Carryover of approved funding for a period of more than one year from the date of approval of the original funding.

All changes to an Project recommended by the IOWAccess Advisory Council must be subsequently approved by the Director of DAS.

Project Disputes

Iowa Code 679A.19 DISPUTES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

“Any litigation between administrative departments, commissions or boards of the state government is prohibited. All disputes between said governmental agencies shall be submitted to a board of arbitration of three members to be composed of two members to be appointed by the departments involved in the dispute and a third member to be appointed by the governor. The decision of the board shall be final.”

Sponsor Acceptance

Signing below will signify that sponsor acknowledges and agrees to the IOWAccess project approval conditions as defined in this document.

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Sponsor Signature	IOWAccess Manager Signature
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Date	Date