Article 16

Integrated Financial Management System

Summary of Proposed Project

- Replace existing financial "system"
 - Current "system" is actually <u>multiple</u> applications accompanied by a series of data import "bridges" and supplemented with spreadsheets
 - Creates redundant, manual processes
- Upgrade to industry standard MUNIS
 - single, integrated system for budgeting, accounting/ general ledger, tax/excise, payroll, accounts payable, revenue and human resources management
- Implement in stages throughout FY2014; fully implemented by FY2015

Rationale

- Need for upgrade cited by Independent Auditors for the last two fiscal years
- Meets the need of uniformity, efficiency and ease of reliable financial reporting
- Safety in numbers
 - 35 clients in Middlesex County
 - 200 + clients in Massachusetts
- Doable
 - On Massachusetts state contract list
 - Commitment by Town & School Staff

Project Supported by

- Independent Auditors
- Board of Selectmen
- Capital Improvement Committee
- Appropriation Committee
- School Committee
- Town Manager
- Town & School Finance Departments
- Town & School Technology Departments

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