Reemployment Assistance Enterprise System
Department of Labor and Regulation

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes a special appropriation of $8,000,000 to update the Reemployment Assistance (RA) Enterprise system into modern computer technology. The current enterprise system is based on legacy mainframe technology from the 1980s. This antiquated technology is difficult to support and cumbersome to change and adapt to changes in federal and state policies. Modernizing certain components of the system will allow manual time-intensive processes, like benefit payments, to be completed more quickly and smoothly with fewer follow-ups.

Project Description

This funding will pay for contracted business analysts who analyze RA processes and staff augmented contracted developers to complete the programming. Funding will also be utilized for Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT) development costs associated with managing and implementing this project, along with training of BIT staff to provide maintenance for the system once it is developed.

Funding

The request for $8,000,000 reflects the portion of the RA system that DLR anticipates can be converted in four years. This request includes:

• $1,500,000 in general funds to update the employer portion of the RA system;
• $5,500,000 in SFRF funding to update the benefits portion of the RA system; and
• $1,000,000 in federal fund authority for a U.S. DOL grant to be utilized on the benefits portion of this project.

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