

Agency	Project	FY2005-06	FY2006-07
HHSS	Bio-Terrorism IT	0.5-5Million	0.5-5Million

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST** (Executive Summary from the Proposal)

Bio-terrorism threats have prompted a variety of technology needs. Today there are two major systems and IT supporting roles for BT. First, the National Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) is a CDC based system to advance the development of efficient, integrated, and interoperable disease surveillance at federal, state and local levels. Second is the Health Alert Network (HAN) that is an essential system developed by HHSS to communicate critical information rapidly to Nebraska's health care partners.

During the next three years, the technology will be aimed at providing better and more secure communications among all the state partners. There will be needs for better data bases to work from. Systems will have to be more secure with redundancy built in.

**FUNDING SUMMARY**

HHSS BT money expected in FY05 ranges from \$9-18 million. Similar amounts may be available in FY06 and FY07. The amount for technology has not yet been determined.

**PROJECT SCORE**

Section	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Mean	Maximum Possible
III: Goals, Objectives, and Projected Outcomes	12	10	15	12.3	15
IV: Project Justification / Business Case	20	15	25	20.0	25
V: Technical Impact	15	12	13	13.3	20
IV: Preliminary Plan for Implementation	6	5	6	5.7	10
VII: Risk Assessment	6	5	8	6.3	10
VIII: Financial Analysis and Budget	12	12	20	14.7	20
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>72</b>	<b>100</b>

**REVIEWER COMMENTS**

Section	Strengths	Weaknesses
III: Goals, Objectives, and Projected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expands communications to larger part of Nebraska health sector.</li> <li>- The objectives of the project were laid out as to what they planned to do.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No measurement / assessment methods to define success. No relationship to agency comprehensive IT plan given.</li> <li>- The goals were not identified very clearly and the beneficiaries were not included at all.</li> </ul>
IV: Project Justification / Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Federal funds used to minimize direct fiscal impact to Nebraska.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Specific benefits not clear. Alternatives not clear.</li> <li>- The four lines that were provided in this area did not address any of the questions related to justification. I could never tell if this was a federal mandate or not. Even the wording indicates that the initiatives were not well defined.</li> </ul>
V: Technical Impact		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technology and implementation not clear. Future growth / adaptation not clear.</li> <li>- There were no technical initiatives described. Nothing in the document indicated reliability, security or scalability for anything being described.</li> <li>- Very little information was provided.</li> </ul>
VI: Preliminary Plan for Implementation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No list of deliverables or timeline. No training or staff development planned.</li> <li>- There is no plan included.</li> </ul>

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Section	Strengths	Weaknesses
VII: Risk Assessment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very little information was provided.</li> <li>- Only risk / barrier identified is state policy.</li> <li>- The entire project appears to be described as a risk.</li> </ul>
VIII: Financial Analysis and Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Substantial federal funds available for the project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No specific costs listed. How much state money is being requested? No ongoing costs listed.</li> <li>- There is no financial analysis or budget. The entire proposal appears to be a place holder for the possibility of getting BioTerrorism dollars.</li> </ul>