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From: Dick Clark, Chief Information Officer

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RE: Montana Base Map Service Center (BMSC) transfer to the Montana State Library (MSL)

The Montana State Library and the State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) are in the process of finalizing an interagency agreement to transfer BMSC to the MSL as recommended by the Governor's Office Committee charged with assessing GIS functions in Montana. The agreement follows the specific recommendations of the committee; however, we want to make you aware of an issue regarding funding.

Prior to the committee's recommendation, the 2012 Montana Land Information Act (MLIA) grants were put in place with a budget justification that provided for ten percent staff costs to be subsidized by SITSD proprietary funding. When BMSC was housed in SITSD, we were able to justify and manage to the ten percent. However, under the interagency agreement, full administration transfers to the MSL and any benefit received by SITSD from the ten percent subsidy is lost. To continue subsidizing the program with proprietary funds would be in direct violation of federal cost principals, OMB Circular A-87. Therefore, SITSD will no longer be in a position to provide the subsidy.

In reviewing the MLIA account balance and the authority granted by the 2011 Legislature, there is sufficient authority and funding in the account to cover the ten percent with MLIA funds. Both the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning and MSL support the recommendation to use the MLIA funds in place of a subsidy by SITSD.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammy LaVigne, Deputy CIO. Her direct line is 444-2589 or you may reach her via email at tlavigne@mt.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

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