



Resolution

No. 2017-39

Novus Consortium

WHEREAS, the five counties of Sawyer, Burnett, Price, Sawyer and Washburn make up the Novus Consortium; and

WHEREAS, these five counties have worked together since 1985 in the purchase, development and maintenance of a computerized tax program, currently called Novus; and

WHEREAS, this group has successfully developed a reliable, full functioning system providing critical tax collection and reporting systems for the five counties and the taxing jurisdictions within them; and

WHEREAS, the current contractual business analyst and programmer, Ken Hebbe, has announced his intentions to retire in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge required to maintain this software is significant and requires considerable knowledge, understanding, commitment and skill; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Consortium met in May of 2017 to discuss future options for the Novus system; and

WHEREAS, Allshore is a programming partner providing development and maintenance services of the Novus system; and

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of
26 Supervisors assembled this 19th day of October 2017, being one of the five member
27 counties of the Consortium, commits to the following:

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- 29 1. A continuing relationship with the four other counties for the NOVUS Tax
30 software upgrade and maintenance program.
- 31 2. The future maintenance and development of the software system.
- 32 3. Continuing the current arrangement with Allshore for programming assistance.
33 This cost is split equally among the five counties. This currently amounts to \$8200
34 a year.
- 35 4. Finding and contracting with (or employing) a business analyst to provide liaison
36 services with each county as required. This individual would work and serve as
37 liaison between the consortium and Allshore to ensure appropriate program and
38 system upgrades. This cost will be split equally among the five counties.
- 39 5. The Consortium will meet as a group at least annually to ensure proper coordination
40 and operation of the Novus Tax Software System.
- 41 6. Encourage other counties to join the consortium and split/spread the costs with
42 the other members.
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44 By Action of the
45 Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

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47 *Ronald Kinsley* 09-14-17
48 Ron Kinsley, Chairman

50 STATE OF WISCONSIN)
51) ss.
52 COUNTY OF SAWYER)

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54 I, Carol Williamson, Sawyer County Clerk, hereby
55 certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy
56 of Resolution No. 2017-____ adopted by the Sawyer
57 County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on
58 the 19th day of October, 2017.

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60 *Carol Williamson* 9-14-17
61 Carol Williamson, Sawyer County Clerk
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