

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Legislative Budget  
and Audit Committee

FROM: Kris Curtis, CPA, CISA *KC*  
Legislative Auditor

DATE: April 22, 2021

RE: Procurement Request – ARIES Review

This purpose of this memo is to request the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee consider and approve my request to award a contract for specialized information technology (IT) expertise to review the State's new Medicaid eligibility system ARIES (Alaska Resource for Integrated Eligibility System). The review of the system's general and application controls is necessary to support our FY 21 Single Audit opinion. The prior IT review of ARIES was conducted during 2019 by an outside IT auditing firm for a cost of \$175,000.

The procurement process for this year's IT review of ARIES is set to close on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, and we should know the winning bid by Monday, May 3, 2021. At Wednesday's meeting I will be asking for your approval to award a contract not to exceed \$210,000. I arrived at this amount by taking the last contract cost and multiplying it by 20 percent. This is an estimate and I hope the competitive procurement will result in a lesser amount. There is a sufficient balance within Legislative Audit's FY 21 budget allocation to cover the FY 21 cost for these services.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 907-465-4199 or via email at [Kris.Curtis@akleg.gov](mailto:Kris.Curtis@akleg.gov).