

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

**FROM:** Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor 

**DATE:** November 14, 2025

**RE:** Procurement Approval Request - DataSnipper

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At the November 19, 2025, Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting, I will be asking for your consideration and approval of a contract to purchase DataSnipper. DataSnipper is unique, proprietary, and innovative audit software that allows staff to search, document, automatically match, and review documents within Microsoft Excel. In July of 2024, a salesperson with DataSnipper called my office to make me aware of their software and requested that I attend a sales presentation. This sales meeting was scheduled for the Spring of 2025 but canceled due to my workload. I learned more about DataSnipper at the National Association of State Auditors conference in June 2025 and became aware that several other states had implemented the software and highly recommended it. After the conference, I agreed to attend a sales meeting that explained how the software could make audit procedures more efficient and effective. At the sales meeting, DataSnipper agreed to let us pilot the software. Subsequently, they offered pricing terms to purchase the software.

DataSnipper is a tool that is used for tests of details, walkthroughs, and other audit procedures. It helps staff document and review audit evidence more efficiently. Further, it allows the use of DocuMine, an AI-powered solution within DataSnipper, that eliminates manual searches through lengthy documents. Staff can ask specific questions to multiple documents and receive precise answers. DocuMine generates answers to questions, referencing back to relevant numbers, text, or sentences. Staff review the answer, the source of the answer, and exercise professional judgment by approving or rejecting the answer. We have piloted the software for four weeks with positive feedback from audit staff. We expect that using the software will improve staff efficiency, and no

other company offers similar software. I believe it is in the agency's best interest to enter into a contract with DataSnipper.

As described above, this contract was not solicited under the typical procurement process. Rather, DataSnipper presented my office with an unsolicited offer. Unsolicited offers may be considered under sec. 100 of the Legislative Procurement Code without a competitive procurement if the unsolicited offer is (1) "in writing;" (2) "sufficiently detailed to allow a judgment to be made concerning the potential utility of the offer to the agency;" (3) "unique or innovative;" (4) "demonstrate[s] that the proprietary character of the offering warrants consideration of the use of a noncompetitive procurement;" and (5) "subject to testing under terms and conditions specified by the agency." As described in this memorandum, DataSnipper's unsolicited offer met these requirements, and was subjected to four weeks of agency testing that showed the software's utility and unique and innovative nature. It is my recommendation that the committee consider and approve a contract to purchase DataSnipper for one year, under sec. 100 of the Legislative Procurement Code.

The cost is approximately \$60,000. There is availability within my budget to cover the cost of this audit software.

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