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UTAH STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Utah Team Member, Room 206

State: Utah

Name of Program & Brief Description:

Utah Standing Committee on Resources for Self-Represented Parties – Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan proposes a pilot project that would provide resources in the district and justice courts in one urban and one rural judicial district, using telephone, internet, and webcam to link self-represented parties with a staff attorney working from the State Law Library. If successful, this type of assistance would eventually be extended to all Utah courts.

Date Program Was Established:

The Strategic Plan was submitted to the Utah Judicial Council in July 2006.

Program Sponsor(s):

The Standing Committee on Resources for Self-Represented Parties includes clerks of appellate and trial courts, a community services director, judges, law professors, a legal services attorney, private practice attorneys, the state law librarian, a state legislator, and Utah State Bar Commission representative.

Target Group(s)/No. Clients Served per Year:

The proposed program would serve self-represented parties statewide, regardless of income.

Cost/Funding Source(s):

A funding request went before the Utah Judicial Council in late August. If prioritized by the Judicial Council, the request will be considered by the Utah Legislature early in 2007. If funded by the legislature, the pilot program will begin in July 2007.

Staffing (FTE, Part-Time, Titles):

The proposed program would have one full time attorney during the pilot phase of the project. In addition, there will be continuing support through existing court staff for coordination and resource development.

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