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**From:** Wilkins, Kathy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:32 PM

**Subject:** FLEXVendor cost estimate to convert from CSV NIBRS to NIEM conformant XML  
**Attachments:** DRAFT\_MONTANA nibrs\_XMLMapping\_Spreadsheet.xlsx; MCA-XML UCR CrosswalkEXPANDED.pdf

By now you have probably heard Montana is switching from a Zuercher MTIBRS/NIBRS repository to Optimum's MTIBRS/NIBRS repository later this spring. Initially, Optimum will be able to accept your agency's currently formatted monthly CSV MTIBRS/NIBRS files. Beginning this fall, we will be moving from monthly CSV files to NIEM conformant XML files that will be submitted behind the scenes as scheduled according to your agency criteria. I have attached the Montana **DRAFT** IEPD for the NIEM conformant XML file. This file is based on the FBI XML specifications with Montana edits and additions as of today.

This will be a state requirement for agencies to bring them to the current NIBRS technical specifications and to make sure every agency is current with mapping to the most current Montana laws (MCAs). As such, I am assuming this conversion should be covered in your annual maintenance contracts. We are writing to ask if the attached changes will require any additional charges above the maintenance contract. If so, as part of your cost estimate, please provide a time frame when all of your Montana agencies will be running XML. These estimates are for inclusion in a grant application to cover these additional costs and are due **Friday, March 20**.

Please also include an estimate to bring all of your Montana customers to the most recent version of your software so that all Montana customers are on the same page. We have found the state user groups to be more helpful to each other when their systems are more similar.

Right now, we show your customers as the following: (please feel free to note any changes)

MT	[REDACTED]	Sheriff's Office
MT	[REDACTED]	Sheriff's Office
MT	[REDACTED]	Sheriff's Office
MT	[REDACTED]	Police Department
MT	[REDACTED]	Police Department

We have a few Montana law enforcement agencies with end of life RMS vendors. Please provide a rough cost estimate for the following agency types to move from an end of life vendor to NIEM conformant XML NIBRS submission using your system:

- Small agency (2-10 officers/employees)
- Medium agency (11-50 officers/employees)
- Large agency (51-150 officers/employees)

Thank for your participation as we help move towards more timely and improved crime data collection for Montana. Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. We look forward to partnering with you!

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