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SENATOR VRTISKA: In other words, from the time you start this process of bringing things up to where they're going to have to be it's going to take approximately three years, so you need to start in '97 to be done by the year 2000, is that right?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Let me ask you this then going along with that, do you anticipate, and I guess say anticipate is probably a bad term, but would you think that there would be a possibility, through that pro...once you let a contract it's for the whole...whole process, is that right?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There will be a vendor...there will be...one of the vendors will be selected, and maybe I guess more than one, but probably one via the RFPs and then there will be several subcontracts within each agency, within agencies.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So it's not going to be one...or it's going to be one total contract at a set price?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: With a master plan, probably, with a vendor.

SENATOR VRTISKA: And that will be let some time when?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the proposals will be coming back this May or June.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And then they will be selected some time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I guess my only reason for bringing this up, and I realize this is on a time line that has to be followed in order to get it done, but looking at the past experience in the computerization field it seems like things get cheaper as you go along. And I guess my real reason for bringing this up is, is there a possibility...I was just trying to find out if there was just going to be one set contract that's going to follow all the way through, or are there going to be some later contracts that might be (inaudible)...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.