A. General Project Information

1. Agency: Agriculture (MDA)
2. Project Title: Agricultural Licensing System
3. Date Prepared: 5/19/15
4. Prepared By: Andy Gray

B. Project Status

1. Overall Health: Green
2. Brief description of current project status
   - *The original vendor (IronData Solutions through an alliance with Montana Interactive, LLC (MI)) left the project in 2014.*
   - *MDA discussed other vendors as possible solutions to the project. The National Agribusiness Technology Center (NATC) grants usage of a USAPlants product license for no charge to qualifying clients. Computer Aid, Inc. (CAI) is the certified vendor who installs and implements the software.*
   - *The project is being re-initiated with USAPlants as the deliverable from NATC and CAI.*
     - i. *MDA, MI, NATC, CAI and the Montana Department of Administration (DOA) are currently reviewing contractual documents with a projected signing of agreements in May 2015.*
   - *MI has committed to making MDA whole on funds that were expended ($283,295) to the initial vendor of the project.*
3. Major milestones completed so far: *The project scope has been defined and agreed upon.*
4. Next milestone(s): *Signing of contractual documents and project schedule.*

C. Scope Changes

Title and Brief Description	Date Approved	Schedule Impact (weeks)	Budget Impact ($ amount)

D. Issues and Risks

Title and Brief Description	Date Identified	Planned Resolution	Responsible for Resolution

E. Additional Comments

The project is a complete update of the Division's day-to-day business processes. The main components include the licensing, product and site registration, assessments, mobile inspection, enforcement and e-commerce of several programs.

The Revised Delivery Date was purposely left blank because Agreements have not been signed. Current projections include complete project delivery in June 2017 with partial go-live implementations throughout the next 2 years.

Beginning with this report, Project Health, Cost, Estimated Amounts and Estimated Expended Amounts apply to the renewed project as of December 2014. Cost and estimates associated with the IronData portion of the project are no longer included in this report. The Original Estimated Cost includes the estimated cost for personnel ($535,147) during the timeframe of the projected completion date (December 2014 – June 2017) plus hardware and setup costs ($35,000). The Total Amount Expended is listed at zero because MI has committed to making the department whole on the funds spent to date. The cost of the deliverables is lower than the original bid of the original project. The price for the install and implementation of USAPlants is $566,200 with an annual maintenance fee of $26,450.

The reference of zero as it relates to the 'Percent Complete' is an indication of project deliverables. Obviously, the department has conducted a lot of work on this project and a considerable amount of information and documentation has been retained that will be beneficial during the remainder of the project.