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The first stages of the project will begin immediately. The County and City will hire personnel to implement rural information sharing and technology efforts. These contractors will assist with the purchase and implementation of a multi-jurisdictional Computer Aided Dispatch / Records Management System (CAD / RMS) for use by the Routt County Sheriff’s Office, the Routt County Jail, the Routt County Combined Communications Center, the Steamboat Springs Municipal Court, the regional All Crimes Enforcement Team and the Steamboat Springs Police Department.

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officers at risk. Information exchanged between agencies would enable each officer to have any and all available information about a suspect before the officer interacts with that individual. Real time information sharing would also enable jail deputies to have information about an individual prior to that individual arriving at the jail for booking.

Project partners will hire a Project Manager (contract position), an Information Systems Specialist (employee position), and a Data Migration Engineer (contract position) to carry out this project. The Project Manager will work with a five member Oversight Committee to specify, competitively purchase, and implement the hardware, software, and data needed for the proposed multi-agency USDOJ technology standards compliant CAD/RMS systems.

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