



Applicants 2004

Municipality	Project / Service Title	Project/Service Summary
Bridgewater	Arson & Fire-setters Prevention Program	<p>Arson is considered to be the most potential problem in our community currently being addressed by our department. In the past it has caused a considerable amount of fire loss and time consumption by our firefighters. The victims of Arson include home owners, industry, retail owners, public agencies i.e. schools, the insurance agencies and the public at large. All of these victims can and will be affected as the result of arson, either by direct injury or death, or by a monetary loss. This may be from a loss of personal property or increased fire insurance premium. This increase may also effect an individual, business, agency etc., even though they might not be directly involved, but because the area of location might be classified as a high risk. The ultimate hazard of Arson in most cases is the loss of property such as old buildings, ie .the old C.N.R. Station. However in extreme cases it can result in injury and loss of life as was the situation the department dealt with in January of 1982 in which four members of one family lost their lives to fire.</p>
Bridgewater	Pre-Plan / Fire Prevention Program	<p>Pre planning and fire prevention in today's high cost of insurance goes hand in hand in not only in the protection of property but in the most of all important is in the preservation of life, currently being addressed by our department. In the past, a considerable amount of fire loss and time consumption occurred because of the lack of valuable information available to our firefighters prior to arriving at an emergency situation. With this in mind our firefighters have initiated a very time consuming program of pre plans which when completed will make available to our emergency responders enough information on every structure in the Town of Bridgewater to safely and efficiently handle almost any emergency situation. With this program in place it should hopefully maintain or possibly lower insurance premiums in our town because of a continual annual decrease in fire insurance claims.</p>

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Bridgewater	Heartsafe Program	The Bridgewater Police Department sought to improve the ‘ <i>Chain of Survival</i> ’ for victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (S.C.A) by equipping their police vehicles with <i>Automatic External Defibrillators (A.E.Ds)</i> . All members were to be trained to provide timely, early defibrillation which is key to surviving a cardiac emergency.
Cumberland	Connecting Cumberland-Broadband for rural community development	The Connecting Cumberland project is provisioning broadband internet service to eight communities of rural Cumberland County. This initiative fits well with our overall strategy to revitalize the region through industry growth, job creation and the enhancement of the quality of life in rural Cumberland County.
East Hants	Council Chambers Online	The challenging task of organizing, publishing and transporting paper information to Councillors of the Municipality of East Hants is now a thing of the past. The Council and Staff of East Hants now have <u>unprecedented</u> access to information electronically!
Halifax Regional Municipality	Boosting Services to Citizens through Streamlined Operations: Halifax’s Corporate Land Information System	<p>The creation of an amalgamated municipality could be the very definition of “Integrated City”. Bringing disparate processes, technologies and cultures together with the expressed purpose of improving service delivery, efficiency and effectiveness can be a monumental task. And like all major undertakings, success depends on the basis such as vision, commitment and breaking down complex tasks into manageable, achievable efforts.</p> <p>One of the major challenges in the amalgamation of the former cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, the town of Bedford and the County of Halifax into Halifax Regional Municipality was the integration of technologies, systems, business processes and data of the previous municipal units.</p> <p>HRM faced a number of critical IT issues, which prompted us to take action. In addition to needing to replace a dysfunctional and outdated permitting system, Halifax had no effective solution to track and maintain the millions of dollars worth of assets in our Public Works and Transportation Division. We also needed to increase accountability and responsiveness to citizens as well as develop a corporate-wide solution to operations management, which could eliminate the “silos” of information that existed among HRM’s different business units.</p>

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Halifax Regional Municipality	Development Liaison Group	<p>The Development Liaison Group (DLG) is a committee which has created an unprecedented partnership between the private and public sectors, including representatives from the following organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nova Scotia Home Builder's Association • Halifax Regional Municipality • Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour • Urban Development Institute • Halifax Regional Water Commission • Nova Scotia Power <p>The committee's focus is on improving service to their common clients, all citizens who own or occupy buildings.</p>