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## QUESTION 5

How will these licenses help to lower claims costs?

## **ANSWER 5**

As described in response to Data Request DRA\_052-09, the Optimize Claims Management project consists of two parts:

- the first is the purchase of 8 "additional Riskmaster licenses" to replace the current "custom data entry form...which is an antiquated tool that is no longer supported by our vendor and conflicts with our current database platform";
- the second is the creation of an "on-line web form that will enable customers to file claims on-line and to upload relevant documents."

The primary benefit of the additional Riskmaster licenses is to replace obsolete technology and not necessarily to lower claims costs.

The primary benefit of the on-line web form is to improve customer service and to save natural resources (paper, energy) by allowing customers to submit claims forms and related documents online. In addition, the on-line web form should help lower claims costs by reducing paperwork.