VI Summary of Costs and Schedule

Table 1 below summarizes the cost of the initiative to the government. Costs include both Federal and State loaded labor costs and estimates of other direct costs.

Table 1. Summary of Costs of Base Initiative by Government Agency

Agency	Total Cost		
Federal	\$193,628		
States	\$270,204		
Total	\$463,832		

Table 2 summarizes the schedule and estimated cost for each of the proposed tasks described in **Section V**. A detailed itemization of the estimated costs for each task in the Base Initiative is presented in Appendix A. A detailed itemization of the estimated costs for each alternative task is presented.

Table 2. Summary by Proposed Task of Schedule and Estimated Cost

Task	Description	Duration of Activity	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost of Alternative
Task 1 Conduct Initial Meeting among Federal agencies	Identify officials and HHS and invite them to initial meeting	Month 1	\$12,506	N/A
Task 2 Conduct Meetings with State program representatives	Identify representatives from State program directors associations and invite them to participate in initiative	Months 2-3	\$57,399	N/A
Task 3 Develop the sampling plan	Develop the plan by which the number of WIC participants will be selected for inclusion in the database	Months 3-6	\$10,419	N/A
Task 4 Create the database structure	Develop the overall structure for the national database	Months 3-7	\$19,514	N/A
Task 5 Create data linkage protocols	Develop methods for States to use in order to ensure quality protocols for linking data.	Months 7-10	\$34,294	N/A
Task 6 Develop access protocols and guidelines for removing client identifying information	Develop methods by which researchers will be able to access data and client identification information will be removed	Months 7-10	\$ 9,789	N/A
Task 7 Test protocols for data linkage integrity and database functionality	Conduct tests of the data linkage protocols and the database functionality in no more than 9 States	Months 8-12	\$81,309	N/A
Task 8 Revise protocols based upon test results	Make revisions to protocols based upon problems or issues identified in the test phase	Months 13-15	\$12,751	N/A
Task 9 Prepare OMB clearance package	Prepare any required clearances	Months 16-18	\$6,742	N/A
Task 10 Implement Initiative on national level	Schedule and implement initiative at the national level	Months 20-24	\$157,965	N/A