

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Supervisor Peggy A. West, Chair, Committee on Finance and Audit
From: Jerome J. Heer, Director of Audits
Subject: Status Report – Audit of Cybersecurity (File No. 16-352)

In June 2016, we provided an overview of the informational report “Audit of Cybersecurity” to the Committee on Finance and Audit. Due to the confidential nature of the findings and recommendations in the report, our overview was presented in closed session. The work underlying the report was conducted by Experis Finance, Risk Advisory Services (Experis) under a contract with our office.

To assess the progress made toward implementation of the recommendations, we requested a status report from Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division (IMSD) management. Based on the comments made, a number of the recommendations have been implemented and timetables have been developed for the implementation of others. Additionally, a level of funding has been secured and planning is underway to aid in addressing broader issues identified by Experis.

It should be noted that IMSD has subsequently engaged Experis to conduct additional IT security assessments and to assist in addressing issues that are identified. We will also monitor IMSD’s progress in addressing the additional issues identified by Experis. Further, we have conducted additional audit work recommended by Experis. The results of which will be communicated in a confidential audit report to key management and also to the County Board in a publically issued memo.

Again, because of the confidential nature of the information contained in the Experis report and the status report provided by IMSD, we request that our overview be presented in closed session.

This status report is informational and due to the remaining efforts required to fully implement all the recommendations, we plan to provide our next status report for the June 2017 committee cycle.


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