

Date : January 12, 2016

To : Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Co-Chair, Finance, Personnel and Audit Cte  
Supervisor Jim "Luigi" Schmitt, Co-Chair, Finance, Personnel and Audit Cte

From : Laurie Panella, Chief Information Officer, DAS – IMSD  
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Subject: Informational Report: Milwaukee County Datacenter Strategy and Disaster Recovery (Capital Project WO619)

### **BACKGROUND**

As information technology systems and applications have become increasingly critical to the operation of Milwaukee County, the importance of ensuring the continued operation of those systems, and their rapid recovery, has increased. As a result, the existing disaster recovery solution and data centers within Milwaukee County must be reviewed and modified to meet the needs of employees and constituents. The 2015 Adopted Capital Improvement Budget included an appropriation of \$450,000 for the initial planning and design of a computing solution for disaster recovery/business continuity (WO619 – Disaster Recovery).

### **PROJECT STATUS**

In July 2016, through a competitive bidding process and after passive review of the County Board of Supervisors, the Department of Administrative Services, Information Management Services Division (DAS - IMSD) entered into a contract with Excipio Consulting to perform an analysis and to make a recommendation on data center and disaster recovery strategies. The analysis is complete. In order to ensure requirements are met at a cost effective price, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for data center services has been issued. Attached please find a PowerPoint Presentation that overviews the findings of the data center analysis; options DAS - IMSD considered to mitigate risk; the current state of project WO619 – Disaster Recovery; and next steps.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Chief Information Officer of the Information Management Services Division respectfully requests this report to be received and placed on file.

  
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Laurie Panella, DAS-IMSD  
Chief Information Officer

Attachment

cc: County Executive Chris Abele  
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