

February 17, 2015

The Honorable Michael B. Coleman
Mayor, City of Columbus
90 West Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Subject: Department of Technology Data Center Fire Suppression and Data Center Cleanup

Dear Mayor Coleman:

On February 13, 2015, the Jerry Hammond Center, Backup Data Center had an undesired fire suppression release. The release at this time is deemed to be caused by vendor error. At this time there are two (2) issues at hand which need to be resolved in short fashion.

1. Reestablishment of Fire Suppression System functionality in the aforementioned location.
2. Proper cleanup of the aforementioned location.

Further investigation is still being conducted; however these two issues put critical systems at high risks of failure and interruption of service. As well it is general building code (in Chapter 9) to have fire suppression for the areas involved. As this is the City's backup facility there is a vast amount of technology equipment in excess of \$5million residing in this location.

To remedy the situation, all fire suppression functionality to the Department of Technology's Data Center needs restored. This will ensure that all critical systems in the data center are properly protected. To do this, the Department of Technology will need to procure services to reestablish the Fire Suppression System functionality and cleanup the affected areas.

In accordance with section 329.27 of Columbus City Codes, and with your authority as Mayor of the City of Columbus, I respectfully request this situation be declared an emergency affecting critical technology components requiring extraordinary measures for its resolution.

In order to facilitate the emergency purchase, I respectfully request the authority to expend funds in the amount of up to \$80,000 (up to \$35,545 for Fire Suppression, \$20,000 for Data Center cleanup, and \$20,000 in contingency in the event of any additional unforeseen material and service needs). The Department of Technology will work closely with registered vendor – Hard Fire Suppression Systems– for all fire suppression functionality needs.

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At this time neither a vendor nor the actual cost has been determined for the Data Center Cleanup service.

The Department of Technology (DoT) will provide funding for this expense from the Information Services Operating Fund. Fund: 514, Sub-fund: 001, OCA: 280768, OL1-02, OL3-2249 (\$33,045), OL1-03, 3336-(\$26,955) and a (\$20,000) contingency for a total of \$80,000.00. The Department of Finance and Management is aware of this cost to restore the fire suppression system and the data center cleaning.

I urge your approval of the Declaration of Emergency. If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Cavin, Director
Department of Technology

Michael B. Coleman, Mayor