

Reply to Common Council File No. 050054
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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File 050054 is a communication file from the City Comptroller's Office transmitting a report entitled "City of Milwaukee Information Technology Risk Assessment".

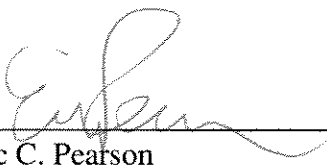
The city hired the consulting firm Jefferson Wells International to conduct a security risk assessment for the computer networks used by 10 major city departments. The Comptroller's report includes their own comments on the risk assessment and also includes Jefferson Wells Security Risk Assessment Report.

The assessment identified serious security vulnerabilities. To address these vulnerabilities the Comptroller recommends the following:

- Implement the most urgent risk assessment recommendations in 2005, by having the Chief Information Office develop an Information Security Improvement Plan.
- Centralize information security in the Department of Administration, and providing DOA with sufficient staff and resources to implement and maintain an effective citywide information security function.
- Create an Information Security Officer position in DOA.
- The new Information Security Officer should coordinate implementation of the remaining risk assessment recommendations.

If the Mayor and Council wish to implement these recommendations, there will be a need to make changes in the 2006 budget. The fiscal impact of these changes are not identified in the report but can be quantified at a later date.

**RECOMMENDATION: PLACE REPORT ON FILE AND IMPLEMENT
THE COMPTROLLER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**



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