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Resolution authorizing the Chief Information Officer to share fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

This resolution authorizes the Chief Information Officer to share fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. This will provide the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee radio station WUWM, with offices at 111 E. Wisconsin Ave. Suite 700, connectivity to the WiscNet/BOREAS-Net Abilene/Internet2 education community node located at the Department of Administration-ITMD Network Operations Center (ITMD-NOC).

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee wishes to promote higher education and enhance educational resources in the community; and

Whereas, The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee College of Letters & Science supports and offers a variety of programming for the public that is educational and oftentimes entertaining and graduates students prepared for work or graduate school with a well-rounded foundation including practical knowledge in their chosen field and lifelong skills in critical thinking, problem solving, and communication; and

Whereas, The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee has requested the assistance of the City of Milwaukee in obtaining high-speed network connectivity between its offices at 111 E Wisconsin Ave, Suite 700 and its primary campus and to the Internet through WiscNet at its expense; and

Whereas, WiscNet is a not-for-profit association established to further education, research, economic development and public service in the State of Wisconsin by creating and operating a digital communications network interconnecting public and private organizations including the provision of Internet services; and

Whereas, Common Council Resolution File Number 051269, adopted on February 7, 2006, authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the WiscNet Association to establish collocation facilities within the City of Milwaukee and that made it feasible for UW-Milwaukee to become a node on BOREAS-Net; and

Whereas, This collocation facility enables Milwaukee area educational and cultural institutions to gain access to WiscNet and the next generation internets including: BoreasNet, Abilene/Internet2 and other national and international networks, and it further enables connectivity between higher education and cultural institutions within the City of Milwaukee as listed in Appendix A; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee owns dark fiber and can provide network services in certain routes that would be beneficial to the extension and enhancement of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee to further its

mission even though the City cannot provide any customer service or connectivity guarantee for the use of that dark fiber; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Chief Information Officer is authorized and directed to share dark fiber and to provide network connectivity at no cost to the City of Milwaukee in certain routes where capacity is available to enable the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee to connect to provide access to and entry to the Department of Administration-ITMD Network Operations Center (ITMD-NOC) and, be it

Further Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that this Resolution is approved only on the condition that the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee shall:

1. Have no expectation or demands for customer service or connectivity guarantees from the City for the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee's use of the dark fiber; and
2. Waive any and all claims against the City and its employees related to the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee's use of the City's dark fiber, including, but not limited to any damages suffered by the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee or others related to failure of the dark fiber or lack of connectivity regardless of the cause.

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