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Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to install fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of IndependenceFirst.

This resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to install fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of IndependenceFirst. This will provide IndependenceFirst access to and entry into 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 affirm the right of individuals with disabilities to live with dignity and appropriate support in their own homes, as well as to fully participate in the mainstream of the Milwaukee community; and

Whereas, Since its establishment as a non-profit organization in 1978, IndependenceFirst has been assisting persons with disabilities to maximize their independence and be full participating citizens in their community; has a vision for full inclusion of people with disabilities in every aspect of the community and commits itself toward this end; and has a mission to effectively facilitate empowerment of individuals with disabilities through: education, advocacy, independent living services, and coalition-building; and

Whereas, IndependenceFirst promotes diversity and multicultural participation in its operations and services; and

Whereas, IndependenceFirst has requested the assistance of the City in obtaining high-speed network connectivity 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, 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 the University of Wisconsin-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 further enables connectivity between higher education and cultural institutions within the City of Milwaukee including: Marquette University, Milwaukee Area

Technical College, Milwaukee Public Television, Discovery World, Pier Wisconsin, VISIT Milwaukee, and Milwaukee World Festival, Inc.; 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 IndependenceFirst to further its mission; and

Whereas, It is in the best interests of the City to facilitate connectivity within the City for IndependenceFirst; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Commissioner of Public Works is directed to install dark fiber and to provide network connectivity at no cost to the City of Milwaukee in certain routes where capacity is available to enable IndependenceFirst to connect to the WiscNet/BOREAS-Net collocation facility at the Department of Administration-ITMD Network Operations Center (ITMD-NOC).

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