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Resolution authorizing the Chief Information Officer to share fiber and provide network connectivity and telecommunications services at the expense of and for the use and benefit of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

This resolution authorizes the Chief Information Officer to share fiber and provide network connectivity and telecommunications services at the expense of and for the use and benefit of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. This will provide the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra 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 historic preservation, tourism, economic development, and supporting cultural exchange in the community; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO) exists to comfort, educate, entertain and exhilarate the human soul through events of cultural significance, relevance and artistic challenge; to embrace, preserve and foster our musical heritage; and to enhance the vibrancy of our community; and

Whereas, since its inception in 1959, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra has raised the national reputation of Milwaukee and developed music appreciation and talent among area youth by reaching more than 30,000 children and their families through its Arts in Community Education (ACE) program, Youth and Teen concerts, Family Series, Adult Lecture Series, and Meet the Music pre-concert talks; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra has requested the assistance of the City of Milwaukee in obtaining high-speed network connectivity from their location at 212 West Wisconsin Avenue to WiscNet at their 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 and telecommunications services that would be beneficial to the extension and enhancement of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra to further their 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 and telecommunications services at no cost to the City of Milwaukee in certain routes where capacity is available to enable the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra 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 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra shall:

1. Have no expectation or demands for customer service or connectivity guarantees from the City for their use of the dark fiber; and
2. Follow all applicable requirements as determined by the Department of Public Works for use of the City underground conduit system, if required; and
3. Waive any and all claims against the City and its employees related to their use of the City's dark fiber, including, but not limited to any damages suffered by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra or others related to failure of the dark fiber or lack of connectivity regardless of the cause.

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