



Secretary of State

Kim Wyman

Administrative Services
PO Box 40224
Olympia, WA 98504-0224
Fax: 360.236.5044
sos.wa.gov

April 23, 2019

Director Chris Liu
Department of Enterprise Services
1500 Jefferson St SE
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: Notice of Emergency Purchase Memo

Dear Director Liu:

This memo provides notice that the Office of the Secretary of State ("OSOS") has made an Emergency Purchase:

Description of purchase:

The OSOS authorized immediate replacement of destroyed storage and servers at its Digital Archives facility in Cheney, Washington. The OSOS made an emergency purchase of a distributed Software Defined Storage system with high levels of capacity and redundancy. This system will allow the Digital Archives to restore affected critical back-up functions and to consolidate and improve performance of several aging backup systems.

Description of emergency:

The total loss of a critical resource occurred. Archives' Servers and storage sustained extensive water damage due to a rooftop leak.

Circumstances leading to emergency:

On April 18, 2019, a rooftop humidifier sprung a leak, flooding the Archives' server racks and destroying storage and servers. The leak caused by the humidifier was unforeseen, beyond the control of the OSOS, and presented a real, immediate, and extreme threat to the proper performance of essential OSOS functions as required by law. Furthermore, the leak presented a situation where there was a reasonable expectation of loss and damage to property unless immediate action was taken.

Explanation of why circumstances require emergency purchase:

In this case, water extensively damaged and rendered useless backup solutions for critical Digital Archives' data that must be protected under state law. This situation presented an unacceptable level of risk for Archives' data and, without an immediate solution, the OSOS would have been out of compliance with state mandates to safeguard government records.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Kim Wyman
Secretary of State