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OHIO STATE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE OF OHIO: EVERYBODY WINS

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Picture a room lined with metal racks filled with electronics, miles of cables and thousands of square feet of polished tile floors all locked away behind secure physical barriers. After a great deal of analysis and strategic planning, this is the site that Ohio State has chosen for its new, upgraded data center. Partnering with the State of Ohio, we are in the process of moving our most critical data assets from our current aging data center into the State of Ohio Computer Center (SOCC).

"This is exciting," says Bob Corbin, Senior Director of Infrastructure. "This strategic relationship will allow us to outsource data center services, reduce risk, and increase quality, all within a fraction of the time it would take to build our own facility."

Ohio State has immense data assets, and the Office of the CIO understood the need to build or acquire a new data center that would allow us to not only get the most from this information but also best protect it from harm. With the SOCC just up the street, there was a great opportunity to work with a trusted partner that was positioned to meet or exceed all of our requirements both cost effectively and timely.

This partnership will standardize and modernize the data center in just a few months and position a service that can be used by all colleges and departments in an efficient manner. The State of Ohio Computer Center will give the entire university the opportunity to realize multiple

benefits including:

- Improved data center quality; moving from our current Tier I offering to a Tier III facility

- Consistent technology innovation at a lower cost

- Improved disaster recovery with less vulnerability to weather

- Less capital outlay and lower operating expense

- Expanded access with more uptime; availability in excess of 99.982%

- Improved reporting and data collection

- Scalability with significant opportunity for expansion

- Supports One University concept by leveraging Ohio State resources

The OCIO has currently moved more than 65% of existing data center assets from Kinnear Road Center (KRC) to the SOCC and is expected to complete 100% of the transition within budget before the end of June 2015.

If you have questions about our data center and back up initiatives, please contact Bob Corbin, Senior Director, Infrastructure via email at or by phone at 292-9997.

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