
Issue Brief – IT Database and Disaster Recovery

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SUMMARY

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends funding to support the USHE administrative IT systems and the operation of a remote “hot-site” disaster recovery facility. The recommendation funds two FTE positions in addition to the lease costs of the storage space in the Richfield data center.

OBJECTIVE

To provide the USHE with the capability for the continuation of services in the event of a disaster where an institution’s IT services are compromised.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The USHE institutions recognize the need for planning for a disaster and how IT functions would be impacted with such an occurrence. The following goals have been established:

- Develop requirements and service level agreements for a hot site.
- Define requirements for hardware, software, human resources for administrative systems support.
- Define requirements for network connectivity to support disaster recovery and business continuity.
- Establish a lease agreement with the State DTS for space in the Richfield data center.
- Engineer and identify costs for a hot site to be located in the Richfield data center.

The recommended funding of \$464,100 will provide the means for meeting the IT Disaster Recovery goals and increasing the ability of the institutions to continue with normal operations in the event of an unforeseen disaster.

