



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

April 24, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order that will authorize the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to enter into a contract with a term of, up to, seven years for data center hosting with colocation and fiber interconnection to provide uninterrupted functionality. Such a contract would support citywide services and operations. Massachusetts General Law 30B § 12(b) limits the length of contracts to a three-year period unless permission is granted by the local City Council.

DoIT is in the process of soliciting contracts for data center hosting services and believes it is in the best interest of the City for a longer contract period to not only prevent any operational interruptions and standardize the data center operations, but also to develop, stabilize, and secure pricing for this prolonged period. Information technology best practices encourage the adoption of multiple data centers to ensure continuity. Off-site data centers ensure citywide support, and that operations remain uninterrupted and align with information technology best practices.

I urge this Honorable body to adopt this Order so the City can procure a long-term data center contract to ensure that information technology support for citywide services remains uninterrupted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR DATA CENTER HOSTING SERVICES FOR A TERM OF UP TO SEVEN (7) YEARS.

ORDERED: That the Department of Innovation and Technology, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into a contract for data center services for, up to, a seven-year period pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30B, § 12(b).

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY


ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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