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Mr. Mike Sheets Purchasing Director 2019 Washington St. East Capitol Complex Building 15 Charleston, WV 25305

## Dear Mike:

We are requesting emergency approval to seek a consultant for up to 1,000 hours of project time for a six month period. We anticipate the total expenditure will be less than \$50,000. During that time, we will develop an RFO to replace the emergency contract as soon as possible.

The Lottery has a complex IT environment with redundant hardware including switches and firewalls at headquarters as well as a backup location in Bridgeport that is continually synchronized with the systems at headquarters.

The Lottery has a contract (CMA LOT 18\*2) for such services with Pomeroy that would have been in effect until September 30, 2019. Pomeroy was acquired by Getronics. In July we were notified that they would not provide services after July 19, 2019.

The Windows Server software is not currently supported nor is SQL 2008. The current environment constitutes an emergency where we are not able to receive support and are subject to cybersecurity attacks as outdated software is an attractive target.

The Lottery systems are complex. Failure to approve this request will result in quantified financial increases and subject the Lottery to risk of processing failures.

Sincerely,

John A. Myers

Director