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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent

SUBJECT: **Permission to Directly Negotiate Contract(s)
IBM/Mainline Information System
Upgrades to IBM Central Computer System and Implementation
of Disaster Recovery Plan**

During the past few months, Information Services has been developing plans to upgrade the District's main computer systems. This is a priority IS planning objective, and is required for the continued support and growth of present applications, and to provide for the long-range support for planned new applications and technologies. Please see the attached correspondence from Bruce Baldwin, Director of Information Services, and Tom Learn, Supervisor of Computer Services, for further detail.

Under DOE rule 6A-1.012 (10), the District is permitted to negotiate for high technology purchases, should we choose to do so. We ask that the Board approve negotiations with IBM, Mainline Information Systems, and other IBM business partners as required. Once concluded, the results of the negotiations, and permission to proceed with necessary technology purchases, will be brought back to the Board for final approval.

At this time, it is my recommendation to approve Information Services' request to directly negotiate with the above-referenced suppliers. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Bruce Baldwin or me.

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Attachment