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GEFI Building Update – July 3, 2014

Today's GEFI building update confirms the timeline as to when the building will be opened, as well as provides a damage estimate for the building based upon conversations with the State's insurance provider.

Timeline on Track for Return to GEFI

The remediation and repair efforts at the GEFI building are going well and DOA's Division of Facilities Management has confirmed that remediation and repair efforts are on track for employees to begin reoccupying the building towards early August. It is likely the vast majority of employees will be able to be relocated back into GEFI by the end of August, although some areas of the fourth floor may be delayed as repairs are completed.

Teams from DOA, Department of Workforce Development and the Department of Children and Families will be planning a phased approach to move employees back into the building. Those details are being worked on, and more specific details will be available in the weeks ahead.

Damage Estimate for Building

The Madison Fire Department put initial damage estimates for the GEFI building at around \$350,000, but based upon DOA's conversations with the State's insurance provider, the scope of the damage in GEFI is estimated at approximately \$15 million. This is an initial estimate and it may change in the months ahead as repair and remediation efforts are completed. The estimate is based upon:

- Remediating (removing) smoke damage throughout the building
- Document/work files cleaning and restoration
- Employee relocation to various temporary sites
- Repair and cleaning of the ventilation (HVAC) system that is connected to all four floors of the building
- Repairs to the damaged area of the fourth floor (carpet, ceiling, windows, office equipment and furniture, etc.)

DOA's Bureau of Risk Management administers a self-funded property insurance program that protects the State from monetary losses due to property damage. This program requires the State to pay the first \$3 million per occurrence (like a deductible), and insurance covers damages above that amount.

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