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UPDATE: Fire at GEFI Building in Madison

The building's fire alarm went off shortly before 2:00 a.m. this morning, and when the Madison Fire Department arrived, there was smoke in the building that was tracked down to the fourth floor. After the fire was extinguished, a fourth floor window that had cracked from the heat was broken to allow for ventilation of the area.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is unknown. We will be evaluating the extent of the fire, and therefore, do not know a cost of damage at this time.

The services provided to customers by both the Department of Workforce Development and Department of Children and Families are still available while the building is closed. DWD and DCF's online services are not impacted, and all other DCF services are operating as normal. In addition, unemployment payments that were scheduled to be issued today by DWD have been processed.

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