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## **GEFI Building Update – May 30, 2014**

“We appreciate all that our employees have done in the past two weeks to make the transition to alternate locations as smooth as possible. The teams working on rolling out alternate work locations, identifying and resolving needed resources, and those assisting with cleaning or removing from GEFI have done a remarkable job,” said Stephanie Marquis, DOA spokesperson.

Below is a brief look at some of the accomplishments by the Departments of Administration (DOA), Children and Families (DCF) and Department of Workforce Development (DWD) thus far:

- Throughout the GEFI closure, both DWD and DCF have continued to operate all their online services as normal. All of DWD’s non-GEFI locations have continued to operate normally, including the Unemployment Insurance Call Centers and Wisconsin Job Service centers. All of the services that DCF performs for its partners in counties throughout Wisconsin have also continued to operate without disruption.
- Both agencies reported that all employees were in work status from either their home or an alternate work location as of Tuesday, May 27.
- More than 14,000 boxes have been packed overall, which includes those that will be stored in a secure location until the GEFI building reopens. Staff is continuing to clean and deliver critical work files.
- Computers, furniture, and multi-function devices (scanner/printer/copier) have been delivered to both agencies.
- Staff is continuing to address any network connection issues, as well as deploy additional telephone lines.

We have asked staff to continue to report any resources they need to your manager or supervisor, as well as questions they may have.

### **GEFI Locker Rooms and Bikes**

In the GEF1 building, there are some personal items in the men’s and women’s locker rooms, as well as several bikes locked in racks in the parking area. We have asked staff to retrieve any locker room items and bikes, and have arranged times next week for them to do so.

### **Returning to GEFI Building**

As previously reported, based upon the initial inspections, it appears GEFI could be closed up to 8 weeks or longer. The remaining furniture, equipment, work files, supplies, and all other materials will be removed from the building in the weeks ahead so that remediation efforts can be completed. Once the cleaning is complete, DOA will be able to better estimate the extent and cost of the damage, needed repairs, and a possible timeline for reoccupying the building.

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