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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Gary Stevens, Legislative Council Chair

FROM: Curtis Clothier, Information Services Manager

DATE: July 26, 2016

SUBJECT: 2017 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement Renewal

The Alaska Legislature, along with the Executive and Judicial Branches, are in the 2nd year of a three year agreement with Microsoft for software products that the State of Alaska uses. Software House International (SHI) is the State's provider of these products which includes the Windows operating systems (Windows 7) and Office software (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, etc.).

Other important products also covered under this agreement include the Legislature's network software and Internet systems that provide us with email (Exchange), SQL databases (BASIS), network storage (N Drives), web servers (akleg.gov), and SharePoint and Lync communication services.

This 'Enterprise Agreement' provides the Legislature the benefits of reduced volume pricing, enhanced technical support, free software upgrades and training vouchers for technical staff. Another important benefit is Microsoft's Home Use Program (HUP) which allows legislative employees to purchase select Microsoft products at a much reduced price.

The Legislature's cost of this agreement for FY2017 is \$123,301.49 and requires Legislative Council's approval. This amount is budgeted under the Administrative Services component each year.

MOTION:

I move that the Legislative Council approve the expenditure of \$123,301.49 to Software House International for the Legislature's portion of the annual Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.