



Date: July 27, 2023

To: Xavier Leonard, Legislative Services Agency

From: Adam Steen, Director

RE: Lease renewal by and between 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC and Iowa Department of Administrative Services on behalf of and for the benefit of the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Child Support Services

Leased Premises: Approximately, 16,155 Square Feet of office space located at 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Term of Lease: The lease shall commence on September 1, 2023 and shall end on August 31, 2025.

Cost of the Lease: For the lease term commencing on September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025, the annual cost of this lease will be approximately, \$282,389.40. The total cost of this lease is estimated to be \$564,778.80.

Source of Funding: The funding is split between the State (34%) and Federal (66%) program match.

Consequences of delaying or abandoning the lease: Delaying or abandoning the lease for Child Support Services' Central Office would directly impact the ability to support CSS's 20 field offices handling nearly 140,000 cases, as well as the ability to timely process over 2.3 million child support payments totaling more than \$307M per year by our Collection Services Center located in the office. At worst it would displace the Collection Services Center's operation, and delay child support payments, which are critical to the support of Iowa's families; and may also result in the loss of federal funding to the child support program for failing to meet federally mandated payment-processing timeframes.

We are submitting the above information, pursuant to 2021 Iowa Acts, House File 314. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Bendon at 515-281-8887 or email Barbara.Bendon@Iowa.gov.