

State Elections Enforcement Commission



Press Release

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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION IMPLEMENTS DISASTER RECOVERY SOLUTION FOR DATA

HARTFORD, CT – April 12, 2016 – The State Elections Enforcement Commission (“SEEC”) Information Technology Unit, with the assistance of Department of Administrative Services Bureau of Enterprise Systems and Technology (DAS/BEST), has successfully completed installation of a disaster recovery solution to augment its computer infrastructure presence at the State Data Center in Groton. SEEC completed the migration of its infrastructure to Groton in June of 2015.

SEEC is the first outside agency to begin the installation and operation of a disaster recovery server at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Data Center located in Springfield, Massachusetts. As part of its overall strategy to ensure that SEEC customer data is preserved and available in the event of a disaster, SEEC has installed and made operational an array of virtual servers to support all of the SEEC customer-facing applications, such as its web-based campaign financial disclosure system, eCRIS.

“Our goal is to have 24-hour a day functionality for all of the applications that the public uses and relies on,” said Douglas Frost, SEEC’s Information Technology Manager. “This is a step in the right direction to ensure that happens.”

Pursuant to statute, DAS has developed a strategic plan to provide critical application recovery capabilities, and this is part of SEEC’s effort to implement that plan.

The State relocated its primary Data Center from a leased facility in East Hartford to Groton, including all the State’s critical server and network resources. Additionally, the State executed an interstate agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to share space in their new, state-of-the-art, disaster recovery data center located in Springfield, Massachusetts. With this capability, the State will reduce the amount of time required to recover critical systems in the event of a disaster and protect valuable campaign finance data stored with SEEC. When SEEC begins accepting campaign finance filings from municipal candidates pursuant to the recently passed Pilot Program for Municipal Campaign Finance Filings, those filings will also benefit from this disaster recovery solution.

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