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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: BOYD
SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL DATA CENTER & ENTERPRENEURIAL INCUBATOR
DATE: 1/17/2001
CC: SIMMONS

In discussions with Cisco Systems (Greg Bloom & Nathan Slater), Dr. Angie Dvorak, and others, the proposed commercial data center and incubator can be established and maintained for approximately of \$25 million over 4 years. I suggest, if you want to move forward with this project, that \$25 million be bonded for an endowment to be managed by MTI (Dvorak) for the entrepreneurial incubator.

On the commercial data center, Venture Technologies, Inc., (Ridgeland, MS) has been identified as a local data center manager and is prepared to operate a major commercial data center at the Allstate bldg. (the current site for the data center, MTI, and the incubator). Venture would replace Solid Systems (Cisco's partner in LA). They are local, experienced, and less expensive.

I have additional information on the project if you need it. Please let me know if you want to obtain bonding for this project (YES or no).