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Circular Letter 04 – 1418

RE: Electronic Data Transmission – Impact Assessment Request

With the implementation of the Compensation Data Exchange (CDX) system in the latter part of 2003, MWCIA staff made a recommendation at the April MWCIA Board of Director's meeting to discontinue support for IBBSNet, 3480 tape cartridges, and nine track tape reels by 12/31/04. This recommendation was based on the fact that IBBSNet costs member companies and MWCIA considerable dollars for use of the system and that this technology, plus the cartridge and reel technologies, are becoming obsolete.

Circular Letter No. 03-1409, released 10/24/03, announced CDX, the free, secure and preferred system for data transmission.

The MWCIA Board of Directors directed staff to request comments on the proposed plan to terminate support for IBBSNet, 3480 tape cartridges, and nine track tape reels. Please assess the impact of this proposed plan on your organization and forward your comments to Bruce Tollefson at the address above, e-mail to bruce.tollefson@mwcia.org or fax to 952.897.6495. The deadline for receipt of comments at MWCIA is July 9th at which time all comments received will be compiled and reported at the MWCIA Board of Directors meeting, July 21, 2004.