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WEST JORDAN, UT – Late this afternoon, the Utah State Board of Education voted against supporting the Jordan School District in offering a property tax incentive to attract a large data center to the City of West Jordan. This negative response follows in the wake of a similar decision by the Salt Lake County Mayor and County Council who also rejected the proposed incentive. While this incentive package was more than those previously offered to other companies wanting to locate in Utah, due to their size, investment (\$1.5 Billion) and name recognition, it was not competitive enough as compared to the incentives offered by the State of New Mexico, who also has been courting this data center project.

Effective immediately, all negotiations between the company known as Discus and the City of West Jordan are hereby terminated. Any and all incentives and inducements preliminarily offered the company to locate in West Jordan are hereby rescinded in whole without prejudice.

The process to recruit top businesses to our state – and other states across the country – includes incentives. If you want to attract an all-star player, you have to offer a competitive package. The corporate recruitment process includes a code name to protect the company’s identity. The City of West Jordan has followed state law and standard protocol throughout this process. We have worked closely with the different entities involved, including the state, county, State Board of Education, Jordan School District and others. We are legally bound and have honored our contractual obligation to keep the company name confidential.

The City of West Jordan understands the concerns of the several taxing entities that voted on the proposed incentive package for this large data center which, while investing a large amount in capital expenditures, would not include a long-term significant employment base. While agreeing on many of the points brought out during these negotiations, city leaders felt they were not insurmountable. Unfortunately, the long courtship of this company has had a negative impact on the working relationships of the several state and local entities involved, which must be repaired for the good of all citizens of Utah.

As the State of New Mexico has opened its doors, from the Governor on down to its varied state and local agencies, to welcome this great company, we wish them well. It has been a pleasure working with representatives of Project Discus, and we would do so again, should their plans include the City of West Jordan and the State of Utah.

For more information, contact Mark Palesh at 315-283-0411. (*See attached Termination Notice.*)

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