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Snapshot of the item below:

Dear Customers:
Back in October I wrote to you about a couple of challenges SIPA was experiencing with the content management system it maintains and supports for local governments across Colorado. I spoke about the tremendous demand on our resources and how that demand has resulted in a backlog of projects and a system that is not adequate for the growth we have been experiencing. In this letter, I also spoke about how SIPA was evaluating other systems and that I would let you know once a decision was made.
I am happy to inform you that after extensive research, evaluations, and a few trials SIPA and its partner Colorado Interactive have selected a new Content Management System. Drupal is the system which will be used to build, design, maintain and host all new websites. By making this decision our organizations can now move forward and in the next couple of weeks someone will be contacting your organization to start the process of developing a website that meets your needs.
SIPA understands this has been a long process and we appreciate your patience and understanding and your allowance of time so that we make the right choice in systems. By selecting Drupal we will be able to continue to offer sites at no cost to entities such as yours. SIPA has been offering website hosting, design, and development for 8 years and it plans to continue this service well into the future.
Drupal is an open source content management system that millions of websites and applications are using everyday. Drupal is the system that is used to power approximately 27 percent of all websites using the .gov extension. There is a large and expansive community across the continental United States that supports this system and its infrastructure which makes it easy to bring resources online when necessary. To be more specific there are 912,843 people in 228 countries, speaking 181 languages that work with Drupal. Colorado Interactive will continue to play an integral role in building, deploying, and supporting these sites.
More information will be forthcoming regarding how this announcement impacts your project and how quickly we will be able to deliver a website to your organization for your use. This development will allow us to start working on getting you a site efficiently and quickly.
Sincerely,
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