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Someone sent this to me today. Thought it was worth passing along, and given some consideration/discussion. – John Steppert

Thank you for sharing. I am opposed to the data center for many reasons and list a few below:

1. We do not have a computer-ready workforce, so the 30 jobs will be given to the owner's friends, not to residents;
2. The owner is leasing for 5 year increments. This enables him to move his operations, in transportable containers;
3. The drain on our electrical grid will result in outages and surges and even higher rates for locals;
4. The NSA and "Homeland Security" will pose as industry and use these "supercomputers". I know from experience;
5. Placing numerous shipping containers on site will eliminate parking and result in limited parking for others;
6. The water plant road is a main access to the old highway and will become clogged;
7. Manufacturing and sales will draw trucking (diesel), probably port use, rail use, and road use damaging our air quality;
8. The owner is a crook. He was convicted of copying and selling Microsoft products without paying Microsoft;
9. City development officer Phillips approved project despite the owner's conviction. Does Phillips have a personal interest?

The owner knew the Microsoft restore programs are copyrighted and many Microsoft downloads cost legal users nothing to download from Microsoft's official website. (Note: I despise cheapskates and unethical people who copy or use copyrighted material. There is NO excuse for theft except starvation.) The "restore" programs are usually available free for older systems and sometimes pricy for new ones. The man was caught with piles and piles of disks he had made, and he was convicted. He contends that he "only charged" shipping and handling. "Handling" on thousands of disks adds up to thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars. People who copy disks often send them to users without legal systems, and to countries on which the U.S. has placed sanctions or embargoes, potentially assisting Isis, terrorists, hackers without legal computer systems or legal computers, to corporations that paid a license for 300 users but steal disks for the other 2,000 and to sworn enemies. He has probably done this before and will do it again. I do not think that Longview needs another unethical person to sway the city and county councils for his benefit.

I was in the computer industry for a long time and still occasionally receive calls. An expert for AT&T phoned me only a few years ago because of a restore error made by their entire computer department. I fixed the error over the phone in less than a minute. I received an email from the UW cardiac transplant team and gave them advice. I am rusty, but not ignorant.

Because I have dealt with many of these computer issues, I oppose this project. I warn anyone who supports it that they have NOT done due diligence. Crypto-currencies are popular now, but I doubt they will be available in 10 years without U.S. and international regulation, taxes, and zillions of legal conflicts. Trading it is like trading stock, except there is nothing behind this stock. No product. And proving you own n-dollars will be impossible when hacked. Those who feel safe because they think their "currency" is distributed among many computers and therefore safe do not understand that those computers are connected and hacking one enables a good hacker to hack all. I have personal experience as a hired, legal hacker for the Tacoma Police Department, for a Accu-Labs corporation, for Dr. Lien director of UW Medical center in five states, for Columbia University, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the 6 state region, and for the National Institutes of Health in D.C. Really. I once was a big wheel in the computer industry. Few women had the opportunities I had. People here only think of me now as a former teacher, with limited computer expertise and time for crafts. Oh well. A woman of no importance...

It is hilarious (and a warning) that the recent international conference of crypto-currency attendees couldn't pay for their registration and tickets with crypto-currency ! Their own organization did not recognize it as having any value and did not accept it. That is a major red flag that this computer slight-of-hand scam will run its course and end in a burst bubble.

Longview should not engage in this scam. If this project were legitimate, it would be in Portland or Seattle where they could attract a high-tech workforce and stay current on industry innovations by closely connecting to others. Longview ??????



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