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The Open Innovation Policy

The content contained in this Github repository <https://github.com/CityOfBoston/OpenInnovationFramework> is sufficiently accurate and reliable such that the CIO deems it the official statement of Boston's Open Innovation Policy.

Documentation about these policies can be found in the Open Innovation Framework [wiki](#).

The following content files comprise the Open Innovation Policy for open and controlled data and open source licensing for the City of Boston.

Data Policy;

License Policy;

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, please create a new GitHub [issue](#).

If you have improvements, please create a [pull request](#), with your amended language.

If you want to re-use this for your own municipality, please fork this repository.

Relationship to Other Laws

This Open Innovation Policy is not intended to diminish or alter the rights or obligations afforded under the Massachusetts Public Records Law, Chapter 66, Section 10 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the exemptions under Chapter 4, Section 7, Paragraph 26. Additionally, this policy is intended to be interpreted consistently with Federal, Commonwealth, and local laws and regulations regarding the privacy, confidentiality, and security of data. Nothing herein shall authorize the disclosure of data that is confidential, private, exempt or otherwise legally protected unless such disclosure is authorized by law and approved by the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

This Open Innovation Policy is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the City of Boston, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

The Intent

Purusing the practice of Open Government, favoring participation, transparency, collaboration and engagement with the people of

the City and it's stakeholders; and

Recognizing that information technologies, including web-based and other Internet applications and services, are an essential means for Open Government, and good government generally; and

Desiring to expand and deepen the City's innovative use of information technology toward the end of good government, including development and use of mobile computing and applications, provision of online data, services and transactions; and

Committing to protect privacy, confidentiality and other requirements and ensuring that protected data not be released in violation of applicable constraints; and

Wanting to share civic technologies that it develops with other municipalities by offering the source code under appropriate open source licensing; and,

Needing to clarify and define open source, open data, privacy, security requirements, interoperability and interaction flows, necessary for the City's Open Government agenda;

Now therefore, the City of Boston Chief Information Officer ("CIO"), in consultation with City departments, is issuing this Open Innovation Policy.

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