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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Case to locate IT unit downtown

Case Western Reserve University is launching a secondary data center at Cleveland's BlueBridge Networks LLC, a disaster-recovery firm that backs up data and other information technology assets. Lev Gonick, Case's chief information officer, said the university hopes other organizations will follow its lead and relocate back-end IT maintenance downtown. Gonick said Case is leasing 2,000 square feet of BlueBridge's space in the Sterling Building at Euclid Avenue and East 13th Street so that all of its "tier one" systems, including e-mail, will be protected by BlueBridge. The university will employ three to five IT associates on site.