



Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Rey Valdes
City Manager

Department: Eylin Fernandez
Acting Information Technology Director

Subject: **Renewal of the Endpoint Protection Software.**

Introduction

The Information Technology Department respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council Members approve the renewal of licensing and support the city's endpoint protection software (antivirus) from Clarium Managed Services.

Background

With the increasing reliance on technology and the growing threat of cyberattacks, phishing, ransomware, and other cyber intrusions, the city has been taking proactive steps to strengthen its cyber security measures.

Notably, Section 119.0725 (b), Florida Statutes, creates a public records exemption related to cybersecurity. Specifically, the statute makes confidential and exempt from public record requirements any information related to critical infrastructure such as this. In addition to the public records exemption, any portion of a meeting that might reveal such information is exempt from public meeting requirements. See Section 119.0725(3), Florida Statutes.

The system is being purchased via TIPS Contract 220105 as required in Sec. 2-322 of the City's Purchasing code. The department reviewed different security solutions and selected this one as the best solution based on the city's needs. The solution was initially purchased in 2019 through the TIPS contract, providing competitive pricing.

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Procurement

Section 2-322 of the City Code of Ordinances provides that the City may enter into contracts procured by other public entities and cooperative purchasing ventures. Accordingly, the City may solicit the services provided by vendors participating in TIPS Contract# 220105 Technology Solutions Products and Services.

Fiscal Impact

For FY23/24, the Fiscal Impact will be \$46,528.00 with funds allocated in the IT Maintenance and Repair Account # 001.22005.500460.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Renewing the licensing and support for the city's endpoint protection software aligns with the strategic plan of public safety and exceptional service by safeguarding against cyber threats, ensuring data integrity, and maintaining compliance with regulatory requirements. It enhances the reliability of IT infrastructure, supports efficient incident response, and builds public trust by demonstrating a commitment to cybersecurity.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council Members authorize using TIPS Contract# 220105 Technology Solutions Products and Services to renew licensing and support for the city's endpoint protection software from Clarium Managed Services in an amount not to exceed \$46,528.00. Funds are allocated in the IT Maintenance and Repair Account # 001.22005.500460.