



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 Cybersecurity Monitoring Agreement.**

Introduction

The Information Technology Department respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council members approve the renewal of a three-year cybersecurity monitoring agreement through the utilization of TIPS Contract No. 220105 with Sunshine Computers and Software, Inc. doing business as Clarium Managed Services. This will allow us to continue protecting our network infrastructure and strengthen our security posture in an ever-changing threat landscape.

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 any information related to critical infrastructure such as this confidential and exempt from public record requirements. 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.

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The monitoring agreement covers all city network infrastructure, including workstations, servers, and network equipment. The three-year agreement was initially obtained in 2021 and is now being renewed through TIPS Contract 220105 with Clarium Managed Services, as permitted by Sec. 2-322 of the City's Purchasing code, which ensures competitive pricing.

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 Technology Solutions, Products, and Services, Contract No. 220105, which was competitively procured via The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).

Fiscal Impact

For year one (1) of the three-year agreement, the Fiscal Impact will be \$55,680.00 with funds allocated in the IT Maintenance and Repair account 001.22005.500460. Subsequent years two and three shall not exceed budgeted funds.

Strategic Plan Alignment

Renewing the cybersecurity monitoring agreement aligns with the city's strategic planning goals of excellent service and public safety by enhancing the resilience of its digital infrastructure against cyber threats. This renewal ensures that critical systems and networks are continuously monitored and protected, reducing the risk of cyber-attacks that could disrupt essential services. By maintaining a strong cybersecurity posture, the city can safeguard sensitive data related to public safety and emergency services, ensuring their availability and integrity. This commitment to cybersecurity not only protects the city's digital assets but also contributes to the overall safety and security of its residents and the community.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council Members authorize the use of Technology Solutions, Products, and Services, TIPS Contract # 220105, to renew our three-year cybersecurity monitoring agreement from Clarium Managed Services in an amount not to exceed \$55,680.00 for year one and budgeted funds for subsequent years. Funds are allocated in the IT Maintenance and Repair account 001.22005.500460.