

RESOLUTION

NO: 2021-01-008

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: January 11, 2021

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Cyber Security Enhancements and Replacements from Palo Alto Networks - Information Technology

WHEREAS, cyber security is ground zero for the defense and protection of today's modern corporate network. Cyber security is always on the mind of the County's Information Technology professionals. Ensuring the County's cyber defense and protections are updated with the latest technologies and methodologies is mission critical to make sure organizational data and operations can continue to move forward; and

WHEREAS, the County's current cyber defenses are aged, undersized, disjointed, and do not protect all computers with a single solution. Our current firewall was undersized for our needs at the time of purchase, and is no longer supported by the manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong need to enhance and secure the County's computers and unify our systems on a single platform that dovetails and integrates with our firewall systems. The County currently has two separate computer systems in place, and the contract for the current systems ends in 2020; and

WHEREAS, with this purchase, the County will be unifying and strengthening our cyber firewall and endpoint operations under Palo Alto Networks, a world class leader in cyber security technologies, all while taking advantage of specialized pricing that maximizes savings to our taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, this project will deploy a high availability pair of firewalls, 1,000 licenses of Palo Alto Networks' Cortex XDR endpoint protection that will cover all of the County's desktop computers, laptops, and servers, as well as the highly effective Palo Alto Networks' Data Lake defense aggregation platform; and

WHEREAS, with the issuance of a Participating Addendum, the County is able to use the NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Program which provides Amerinet the ability to provide enhanced cyber security platforms at a significant cost savings of 47% or \$400,000 in up-front savings; and

WHEREAS, this project is a three (3) year deal with Palo Alto and offers 0% financing; and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the 2021, 2022 projected, and 2023 projected fiscal years Capital Improvement Plan funding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the purchase of Palo Alto Networks enhanced Cyber Security Platform through Amerinet in an amount not to exceed \$442,800 split into three payments over the years 2021, 2022, 2023 at \$147,600.00 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Treasurer to transfer funds from Capital Replacement F403 to IT Fund 636 in an amount not to exceed \$147,600 each year over the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 until the completion of the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all forms, assurances, contracts/agreements, renewals and future amendments for monetary and contract language adjustments related to the above upon review and/or preparation of Civil Counsel.

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