



Board of Education

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Board Report

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Agenda Date: 4/24/2025

AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR FIREWALL LICENSING, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize a new agreement with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. to provide firewall licensing, maintenance, and support services to the District at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-6. This item was presented to the Sole/Single Source Committee on March 13, 2025 and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer. Prior to approval as a Single Source, the item was published on the Procurement website on March 17, 2025, found here: cps.edu/procurement. The item will remain on the Procurement Website until the April 24, 2025 Board Meeting. This process complies with the independent consultant's recommendations for a sole source procurement and the Board's "Single/Sole Source Committee Charter." A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification Number: N/A

Contract Administrator: Munoz, Rigoberto / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 21472
SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
2550 WARRENVILLE ROAD
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

Jack Reidy
630 769-4325

Ownership: Sentinel Technologies
Employees' Stock Ownership Plan 42.7%,
Other Management Shareholders (individual
ownership is less than 5%) 23.1%, Dennis
Hoelzer 16.7%, Mary Hoelzer 12.9%,
Non-management shareholders 4.6%

USER INFORMATION :

Project
Manager: 12510 - Information & Technology Services
42 West Madison Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Alston, Kyle W G
773-553-1300

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on May 1, 2025 and shall end on April 30, 2026. This agreement shall have one (1) option to renew for a period of one (1) year.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Vendor will provide ongoing maintenance and support for the District's existing firewall infrastructure. This solution enables the Board to sustain its security platform within its cloud-based services, ensuring the District's ability to run agile, cost-effective, and secure applications and services across platforms.

DELIVERABLES:

Vendor will provide maintenance, support, and necessary upgrades for the Board's existing next-generation firewalls deployed across the primary data center, disaster recovery data center, and testing lab. Additionally, the Board will have the option to purchase licenses for virtual firewalls to support its Azure cloud environment. The security functions covered under this agreement include base firewall services to ensure network protection.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will continue to enable the Board to leverage a combination of physical and cloud-based firewalls at multiple points within the District's network to provide layered security for critical data and systems. As part of its strategic approach, the Board continues to assess the cost-effectiveness of cloud-based solutions while ensuring robust security for both on-premises and virtual environments. By utilizing Vendor's services to maintain and optimize its firewall infrastructure, the Board will be able to scale to meet future traffic demands, seamlessly integrate with multiple cloud providers, and centrally manage security, further strengthening the District's cybersecurity posture.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

None.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Information Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation in Goods and Services contracts. The MBE and WBE Policy, the contract is an excluded transaction pursuant to the Goods and Services Policy, for the aspirational goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE. The MBE and WBE Policy for this contract is an excluded transaction as this agreement is for proprietary Information Technology Software license and/or patented Technological Equipment.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Funds 115 and 448, Unit 12510 - Information & Technology Services,

FY25 - \$523,442

FY26 - \$2,617,211

Not to exceed \$3,140,653 for the one (1) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended; and, Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



PEDRO MARTINEZ
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



RUCHI VERMA
General Counsel