

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Authorize the continued annual purchase of cybersecurity managed detection and response assessment and services utilizing the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Contract DIR-CPO-5687 with Freeit Data Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 annually through May 19, 2031.

PRESENTER: Amy Stephens, Director Information Technology

SUMMARY:

Staff requests City Council to consider approving the continued annual purchase of cybersecurity managed detection and response assessment and services resold by Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., not to exceed \$200,000 annually through May 19, 2031, and priced through DIR-CPO-5687.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Freeit Data Solutions, Inc. is an authorized reseller of turnkey solutions including software, hardware and services from over 300 brands. Cybersecurity managed detection and response (MDR) assessment and services have been utilized by the City on an annual basis since 2022. Staff is requesting to continue purchasing an MDR using DIR-CPO-5687. The DIR contract's term is through May 19, 2027 with automatic renewals of one (1) optional two-year renewal and two (2) optional one-year renewals, ultimately expiring May 19, 2031

With the increased threat of a cyber-attack in today's world, it is critical to continue using a solution to defend the city's digital infrastructure. MDR solutions significantly reduces mean time to detect and contain threats, minimizing the risk of costly breaches and operational downtime, ensuring the integrity and resilience of essential city services.

Freeit Data Solutions, Inc. participates in the State of Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative purchasing program. By participating in the DIR cooperative purchasing program the city meets all state competitive bidding requirements for this purchase.

Funding for this purchase is included as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Adopted Operating Budget. As long as funds are appropriated in the city's annual budget each year, payments for this purchase shall be authorized for the current budget year and each remaining renewal year covered under the applicable maintenance and support

agreement, plus the standard percentage increases as authorized under the applicable maintenance agreement. As long as the terms and conditions of the contract do not change the remaining renewals will not require additional City Council approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

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