

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 11, 2022
SUBJECT: Authorize payment to Freeit Data Solutions, Inc., for Cybersecurity Managed Detection and Response Assessment and Services using a State of Texas Department of Information Resources Contract (DIR-CPO-4863), in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the current budget year.

PRESENTER: Eric Von Schimmelmann, Director Information Technology

SUMMARY:

This item authorizes the expenditure for Cybersecurity Managed Detection and response Assessment and Services to Freeit Data Solutions, Inc.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

With the increased threat of a cyber-attack in today's world, a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds received by the City have been allocated for Cybersecurity. Some of our top priority items in this area are to have a Cybersecurity Assessment and a Managed Detection and Response services contract. These services will assess our system and provide 24x7 monitoring of the City's network infrastructure to ensure we are protected with some of the latest technology available today and into the future.

Freeit Data Solutions, Inc. participates in the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program (DIR-CPO-4863). By participating in the DIR cooperative purchasing program the city meets all state competitive bidding requirements for this purchase.

As long as funds are appropriated in the city's annual budget each year, North Richland Hills would be able to take advantage of the available pricing for the current renewal through December 8, 2023 with one optional two-year renewal and one optional one-year renewal, provided the terms and conditions of the contract do not change. As long as the terms and conditions of the contract do not change the remaining renewals will not require additional City Council approval. Funding for this project is through ARPA and is included in Capital Project IT2212 (\$60,000) and Capital Project IT2213 (\$30,000).

RECOMMENDATION:

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