

**AUTHORIZE THE FIRST (FINAL) RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
FOR FIREWALL LICENSING, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

**THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING
DECISION:**

Authorize the first (final) renewal agreement with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. to provide firewall licensing, maintenance and support services to the Department of Information & Technology Services at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated.

No payment shall be made to Sentinel Technologies, Inc. during the option period prior to execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Specification Number : Sss-55
Contract Administrator : Munoz, Rigoberto / 773-553-2280

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 21472SENTINEL
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
2550 WARRENVILLE ROAD
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515
Jack Reidy630 769-4325Ownership:
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 12510 - Information & Technology Services
Manager: 42 West Madison Street
Chicago, IL 60602
Alston, Kyle W G
773-553-1300

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 25-0424-PR5) in the amount of \$3,140,653 is for a term commencing May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026, with the Board having one (1) option to renew for one (1) year. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-6. The sole-source request was presented to the Sole/Single Source Committee and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer.

OPTION PERIOD:The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:Vendor will continue to 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 continue to 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.

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

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION: 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 Proprietary equipment.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Various Funds, Unit 12510 - Information & Technology Services,

FY27 \$3,100,000

Not to exceed \$3,100,000 for the one (1) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval

Approved Categories for this Board Report
920.31000: IT - Hardware/Software Installation
920.45000: IT - Hardware/Software Maintenance and Support

Category Codes may be modified by the Chief Procurement Officer as needed to support the Scope of Services.

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 Section 404.2; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended, and a Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



MACQUILINE KING, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Approved: 



ELIZABETH K. BARTON
Acting General Counsel