



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: John Hopson, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent DSV

FROM: Reginald Santos, Director of Information Technology RS

DATE: February 3, 2025

SUBJECT: **Contracts Under \$50K -
Solutionz Security Inc.**

**Memo No: SB25-124
(Informational Item)**

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3300 Expenditures/Expending Authority: The Superintendent or designee may purchase supplies, materials, and equipment in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee shall not authorize any proposed expenditure that exceeds the major budget classification allowance against which the expenditure is the proper charge unless an amount sufficient to cover the purchase is available in the budget for transfer.

BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures: The School Board desires to ensure that maximum value is received for money spent by the district and that records are kept in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee may issue and sign purchase orders.

BP 3311, Bids: The district shall purchase equipment, supplies and services on a competitive bidding basis when required by law and whenever it appears to be in the best interest of the district to do so. Prior to any purchase, the District should review the federal funding award or grant to determine if it requires compliance with OMB's procurement procedures.

BP 3312, Contracts: The Superintendent or designee may enter into contracts and memoranda of agreement on behalf of the district. All contracts and memorandums of agreement with a dollar value of \$50,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

BP 3440, Inventories: The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the proper control and conservation of district property.

2020-2025 NSBSD STRATEGIC PLAN

4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support the long-term stability of the district.

Issue Summary:

The North Slope Borough School District (NSBSD) has selected Solutionz Security Inc. to provide cybersecurity training and ransomware tabletop exercises over the next three years. This initiative, funded by the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), enhances the district's ability to prevent, detect, and respond to cyber threats. The total project cost is \$40,520 and has been approved by the State of Alaska.

Background:

To improve cybersecurity awareness and preparedness, NSBSD will implement monthly cybersecurity training for staff and conduct annual ransomware tabletop exercises. Solutionz Security

Inc. will lead these efforts, helping staff identify cyber threats and respond effectively to potential attacks. This proactive training aligns with state and federal cybersecurity standards and ensures the district remains resilient against evolving threats.

The selection of Solutionz Security Inc. followed a competitive bidding process, and the State of Alaska reviewed and approved the procurement. Their expertise in cybersecurity within the education sector makes them well-equipped to support NSBSD's needs.

Funding Sources and Contract Amount:

Function	Account Code	Available Budget
PURCHASED SERVICES	290.200.355.440	\$40,520.00

Grant Funds:

Please see the attached grant award.

Compliance with BP 3311:

In line with Board Policy 3311, NSBSD followed a formal procurement process:

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was publicly posted on the NSBSD website and proposals were evaluated by a committee including:

- Reginald Santos, Director of IT
- Cecilia Miller, Grants Manager
- Jeff Angeles, System Administrator II

Solutionz Security Inc. was selected based on scoring criteria and was submitted to the State of Alaska for final approval, which was granted on January 21, 2025.

This process ensured fair competition, compliance with grant requirements, and alignment with NSBSD's commitment to responsible financial stewardship.