

Denton Independent School District
Cybersecurity Updates Purchase
December 12, 2023

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval for the quotes from the following vendors and amounts for the purchase of cybersecurity hardware, software, and services. The total cost for the project, which extends cyber protections for the next 5 years, will be \$5,801,903.78 distributed as indicated below:

- Netsync Network Solutions in the amount of \$1,999,520.00
- Microshare, Inc. in the amount of \$3,444,165.55
- Identity Automation in the amount of \$358,218.23

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

On January 10, 2023, the Board of Trustees called for the 2023 bond election with the recommendation by the Bond Committee. On May 6, 2023, the bond was approved by the voters of Denton ISD.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This purchase refreshes and expands the Denton ISD Technology’s cybersecurity posture, significantly enhancing our protections and resiliency against cyber-attacks.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

These purchases will utilize the following cooperative contracts: Netsync Network Solutions (TIPS 21050301), Microshare, Inc. (PACE P00165) and Identity Automation (Local RFP# 2011-18B). These purchases are being brought for approval in accordance with the District’s CH (local) policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost will be borne by 2023 Bond funds.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this purchase will allow Denton ISD Technology to continuously adapt the district’s cybersecurity posture over the next five (5) years to counter existing and emerging cyber threats, protecting critical data assets and helping keep students and staff safe online while using district technology resources.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the quotes from Netsync Network Solutions, Microshare, Inc., and Identity Automation for cybersecurity hardware, software, and services be approved.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Robert Pierce, Chief Technology Officer
Chris Johnson, Senior Systems Infrastructure Architect
Cindy Willis, Director of Purchasing

ATTACHMENTS:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____