



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

TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator Dsv

THROUGH: Dr. Bobby Bolen, Chief Operating Officer BB

FROM: Reginald Santos, Director of Information Technology RS

DATE: February 5, 2024

SUBJECT: Purchases of Over \$10K - **Memo No: SB24-089**
Software Subscription Renewal **(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: All purchases in the amount of \$20,000 or more shall be based, when possible, on three competitive bids. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to ensure that formal advertised bids are solicited for purchases over \$50,000.

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 renewal of the provided contracts is pivotal for maintaining robust cybersecurity measures and ensuring the reliable operation of critical IT infrastructure. Utilizing the purchasing power and contracts available through OMNIA Partners via SHI International ensures that the school district achieves both operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness in its technology investments.

Background:

The renewal of Malwarebytes and HPE Nimble Support contracts through SHI International, an OMNIA partner, encompasses two crucial aspects of the district's technology infrastructure maintenance and cybersecurity.

Malwarebytes is essential for protecting the school district's devices and networks from malware, ransomware, and other cyber threats. Its advanced threat detection and remediation capabilities are critical for ensuring the safety and integrity of digital learning environments.

HPE Nimble Support provides technical assistance, updates, and hardware replacement services for the HPE Nimble Storage Area Network (SAN) systems used districtwide. This support ensures the high availability and performance of data storage resources, which are integral to the district's operational efficiency and reliability of IT services.

Renewing these contracts through **SHI International**, an **OMNIA Partner**, offers several benefits:

- **Cost Savings:** OMNIA Partners' public sector procurement program enables access to competitively solicited contracts, ensuring best value pricing and significant cost savings.
- **Compliance and Streamlining:** Utilizing contracts through OMNIA Partners ensures compliance with procurement laws and regulations, streamlining the purchasing process.
- **Expertise and Support:** SHI International provides expertise in technology solutions, offering additional support and consultation to maximize the benefits of both Malwarebytes and HPE Nimble Support services.

Contract Terms and Amount:

Software	Renewal Amount	Contract Terms
Malwarebytes	\$21,786.12	01/26/24 – 07/26/24
HPE Nimble Support	\$41,853.49	01/18/24 – 07/3/2025

Grant Funds:

No grant funds are associated with the funding of the attached renewal quotes.

Compliance with BP 3311:

These are sole-source procurements due to the total cost of ownership and unique capability or compatibility justification. Even though alternative products exist, the total cost of transitioning to a new product (training, integration, maintenance, etc.) justifies staying with the existing provider. HPE Nimble Storage Array has a piece of specialized equipment, and they are the only supplier that manufactures a compatible replacement part.

Proposed Motion:

No motion is required. This is an informational Item as the purchases of supplies, materials, and equipment are within the discretion of the Chief School Administrator or designee.

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