

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION**

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**DATE:** June 7, 2024

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Budget Director  
David Johnson, Director of Emergency Services

**FROM:** Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Waiver of Bid Requirement for 911 Cybersecurity Services

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**BACKGROUND:**

On January 24, 2024, the Florida Emergency Communications Board approved a special disbursement of \$50,000 to Indian River County Emergency Services from the interest earned in the Emergency Communications Trust Fund account. The funds are to be used for enhancing cybersecurity at Florida 911 primary and secondary Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The 911 Coordinator has identified a vendor that can provide the necessary services, partially under a federal cooperative contract, and in concert with the Board-approved 911 system maintenance provider, AK Associates, Inc.

Specific information relating to computer software and systems is exempt from public disclosure, under the State Cybersecurity Act, as described in section 282.318, Florida Statute.

**DISCUSSION:**

The cumulative value of the work anticipated, not included in the federal cooperative agreement, exceeds both the \$35,000 bid threshold, and the County Administrator's \$75,000 approval authority. Therefore, a waiver of the requirement for bids by the Board is necessary to authorize the work.

Additionally, due to the nature of the services, the service provider is requiring execution of an agreement.

The quote and agreement are available for the Board's review in the Purchasing Division.

**FUNDING:**

Funding for the services, in the amount of \$48,650.58, will come from the 911 Surcharge Fund/Communications Center/PSAP Cybersecurity account, number 12013325-035275.

Account Number	Description	Amount
12013325-035275	911 Surcharge/Communications enter/PSAP Cybersecurity	\$48,650.58

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board waive the requirement for bids, and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement, after review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.