

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

**DECISION ON AWARD OF A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR NETWORK
FIREWALLS**

JULY 15, 2019

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Technology, is requesting approval to award an annual maintenance contract to Skyline Technology Solutions, located at 6200-C Georgetown Blvd, Eldersburg, Maryland 21784, in the amount of \$228,583.

Discussion:

The Office of Technology is requesting a one-year maintenance agreement for the existing Palo Alto firewall equipment. The firewalls are required to protect HCPSS' network infrastructure.

The basis for the cost of the maintenance items is via piggybacking a contract established by Montgomery College RFP# 516-013, Network Infrastructure Products and Services. The vendor, Skyline Technology Solutions, is a network integration firm and an authorized reseller of the Palo Alto firewall products.

The funding source for this contract is the Office of Technology FY20 Operating Budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Purchasing Department and award the contract to Skyline Technology Solutions, located at 6200-C Georgetown Blvd, Eldersburg, Maryland 21784, in the amount of \$228,583.

The initial contract term was July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 with the option to renew for four (4) additional, one (1) year terms, which will extend the contract through June 30, 2021.