

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON A CONTRACT FOR ALARM MONITORING AND ON-CALL SERVICES

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Background Information:

On behalf of the Department of Safety and Security and the Facilities Management Department, the Procurement Department is requesting approval of a contract with Starlight Security, Inc., located at 11579 Edmonston Road, Beltsville, MD 20705, in the amount of \$113,100.

Discussion:

This contract will provide 24-hour remote alarm monitoring, reporting, and notifications for the intrusion and fire alarm systems within Harford Public Schools locations. In addition to the alarm monitoring services, this contract also provides on-call intrusion alarm services for parts and labor for servicing, installing, repairing, and maintaining the intrusion equipment throughout the district. The monthly cost for the alarm monitoring is \$27.50 per month per account. HCPS currently has sixty-eight (68) intrusion and sixty-two (62) fire alarm accounts for schools and offices. The total annual cost for the 24-hour monitoring will be \$42,900. The cost to reprogram the existing accounts to the new monitoring center will be \$540 per system for a total of \$70,200.

The monitoring rates and the hourly labor rates were established through HCPS Bid #23-DSS-006 Remote Alarm Monitoring and On-Call Services.

The alarm monitoring services, \$42,900, as well as \$36,720 of the reprogramming fee will be funded by the Department of Safety and Security's Operating budget. The remaining balance of \$33,480 of the reprogramming fee will be funded by the Facilities Management Capital Emergency Systems budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the contract to Starlight Security, Inc. in the amount of \$113,100.

This contract will be effective from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew for five (5) additional one (1) year terms.