



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** General Services  
**Department No.:** 063  
**For Agenda Of:** April 4, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) Kirk Lagerquist, Director  
Contact Info: Chris Chirgwin, Chief Information Officer

**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Professional Services of Independent Contractor with Shield7 Consulting LLC; All Districts.

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management  
As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a professional services agreement with Shield7 Consulting LLC for the annual renewal of Check Point support and licensing in a total contract amount not to exceed \$219,778.00, for the period beginning April 11, 2023, through April 10, 2024; and
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request: BJE – 0008777; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are a government funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and is therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The General Services Department requests the Board of Supervisors approve the annual renewal of the Check Point support and licensing. This is a one-year renewal for the County's existing enterprise-wide firewall solution, which provides an essential and important level of cybersecurity protection while we architect, configure, and deploy our next generation enterprise-wide firewall solution.

**Background:**

General Services currently manages a multitude of information infrastructure services that are fundamental to every computer function within the County. The County’s security firewall infrastructure currently resides on Check Point systems, providing secure transport of information to and from the internet as well as creating security zones to protect critical systems and data within the County network.

The General Services, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Division’s maintenance plan established optimal refresh/upgrade/renewal points during the service life of a product/system to ensure continued supportability throughout its lifecycle. These changes are in the form of server hardware and software upgrades, component substitution, replacement, or re-design of the product and evaluation of alternative hosting platforms. Executing this technology refresh plan is vital to ensuring that our security infrastructure system is technically capable, available, sustainable and cost effective.

Staff is recommending renewal of our current solution as we work through the RFP process while we award, architect, configure, and deploy our next generation enterprise-wide firewall solution.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No. The attached Budget Revision will provide the necessary funding for this professional service.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Costs:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
IT Fund 1915	\$ 219,778.00	\$ 219,778.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 219,778.00</b>	<b>\$ 219,778.00</b>

Narrative: The cost for Shield7 Consulting LLC services will be funded by the IT Internal Service Fund (ISF) Unreserved Retained Earnings.

**Key Contract Risks:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board: please return one (1) copy of the Executed Agreement and two (2) copies of the minute order of the actions to the General Services Department, attention: Andre Monostori, Assistant Director.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Agreement with Shield7 Consulting LLC

Attachment B: BJE - 0008777

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