



MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

MEETING DATE: December 18th, 2024

ITEM NAME: SHS 2022 Cyber Training

SUBMITTED BY: Brittney Ciarlo, Emergency Manager & Anthony Luginbill, IT Director

SUMMARY: The Ninjio software offers competitive resources to assist with end user education, training and assessment of our cyber networks.

Ninjio is a cybersecurity awareness training platform that focuses on delivering engaging, micro-learning modules to help Huerfano County educate their employees on cybersecurity best practices. Some of the benefits are:

1. **Story-driven Learning:** Ninjio uses real-world, high-quality animated stories based on actual cyber threats to create memorable and impactful lessons. This approach increases engagement and retention compared to traditional, static training methods.
2. **Micro-learning Modules:** The platform delivers short, bite-sized lessons (around 3-5 minutes each), making it easy for employees to fit training into their busy schedules while enhancing knowledge retention.
3. **Scalable & Customizable:** Ninjio's platform is designed to scale with organizations of all sizes, offering both standard and customizable content to fit specific security needs and compliance requirements.
4. **Continuous Engagement:** The platform offers regular updates and new content, ensuring that employees stay current on emerging threats and cybersecurity trends.
5. **Effective Metrics & Reporting:** Ninjio provides actionable insights and comprehensive reporting tools to help organizations track progress and measure the effectiveness of their cybersecurity training.

By selecting Ninjio, we can reduce the likelihood of human error and strengthen their overall cybersecurity posture, fostering a culture of security awareness across the organization.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend the BOCC approve the two-year purchase of the Ninjio software for \$9,959.76. \$9195.00 will be reimbursed through the State Homeland Security Grant. The County will be responsible for a total of \$764.76.

BACKGROUND: Huerfano County has been approved for the State Homeland Security Grant. This grant supports our Southern Region where funds are allocated to eligible projects with a focus on Cyber/Terrorist and Election Security mitigation, response and/or planning. Projects are prioritized by regional improvements and voted on by all board members within the region.

Our 2022 project was based on Cyber Security and training. After several quotes were sought, Ninjio was the best option found for the needs of Huerfano County and implementing end user cyber training.

BOARD ACTION TAKEN:

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SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR: _____

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