



**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor
Council President Brencis D. Smith
Laurel City Councilmembers

VIA: Michele Saylor, Acting City Administrator

FROM: James A. Cornwell-Shiel, Chief Information Officer

SUBJ: **BID RECOMMENDATION - RENEWAL OF DARKTRACE CYBER
PLATFORM**

Darktrace is a global leader in network intrusion and ransomware protection, and its product provides highly accurate detection of malicious behavior, and instant alerting and initial response to threats to our email, Microsoft 365 platform, and internal networks. This automated initial detection and reaction fills a critical role in incident response and documentation, especially against modern attacks that progress faster than a technician can respond.

The Department of Information Technology has utilized Darktrace in our environment for 3 years, and have found the product and the team behind it to be reliable partners in ensuring the security of the City's cloud and on-premises systems. As such, we are seeking the Council's approval to renew this product for 1 year.

FUNDING:

The vendor for this purchase is SHI International Corp. Sole source procurement is available under the OMNIA Partners IT Solutions, Products & Services Contract # 2024056-02.

The total one-year cost of this renewal is \$95,175.42. Funding for this product is included in the FY2026 IT General Operating Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Council approve the 1-year subscription renewal of Darktrace through SHI for the OMNIA Partners contract price of \$95,175.42.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at extension 2240.

Approved by:



Michele Saylor, Director
Department of Budget and Personnel Services



Date

cc: Sara A. Green, CMC, Clerk to the City Council