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**Meeting Date:** October 30, 2025      **Agenda Type:** Consent Items for Action

**From:** Larry Aguilar      **Reviewed by:** Greg Brown  
Cyber Security Manager      Chief Technology and Security Officer

**Submitted by:** Greg Brown      **Approved by:** Ryan Kelso  
Chief Technology and Security Officer      Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize the CEO or His Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Cooperative Agreement with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. for Splunk Cloud and Security Subscriptions

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## **BACKGROUND**

New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) is currently using a Security Information and Event Management software called Splunk. This software, or platform, allows NBU to collect and analyze all data, traffic, and transactions in and out of NBU’s network, enhancing the ability to identify action items, security concerns, and historical data retention. The current contract has been in place since December 2022, and NBU has opted to renew this contract for an additional three years.

The total amount for the subscription renewal is \$528,364.63, which exceeds the board approval level of \$250,000.00. The Texas DIR contract DIR-CPO-4879 with GTS Technology Solutions, Inc. (“GTS”), will continue to provide NBU with software, licensing, and application maintenance with the Splunk platform. Additionally, this will significantly enhance the continued protection of critical information technology systems. NBU’s selection of GTS to enter into this contract through the Texas DIR contract DIR-CPO-4879 satisfies the bidding requirements under Texas law.

NBU staff request that the Board of Trustees approve the contract renewal with GTS for continued Splunk software utilization.

This item is being presented to the Board because the total amount of the contract exceeds \$250,000.00.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The total contract amount for the Agreement with GTS is \$528,364.63.00, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$176,121.55 annually for the initial contract term and \$176,121.55 for each of the additional two (2) one-year terms. These funds are available in our Fiscal Year 2026 Operations and Maintenance budget (“O&M Budget”) and will be budgeted in the O&M Budgets of Fiscal Year 2027 through Fiscal Year 2028.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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**Infrastructure and Technology**

**Safety and Security**

## **EXHIBITS**

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1. Combined 25-0038 Splunk Signed (GTS)