



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-030, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding a Contract for a Cybersecurity Risk Assessment to the Firm of Structured Communications Systems, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska In the Amount of \$50,000. City Manager/Chief Technology Officer.

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Completing a comprehensive cybersecurity risk assessment is an important first step to establish a strong cybersecurity program for the City of Homer. Contracting with external cybersecurity experts to perform an assessment greatly reduces the timeline to completion and helps ensure the quality of the baseline assessment from which we build a program for improvement.

The Alaska Municipal League (AML), after issuing a competitive request for proposals and reviewing the responding vendors, has identified Structured Communications Systems, Inc. of Anchorage as a vendor available to offer cybersecurity support to their member municipalities.

Structured has decades of experience conducting cybersecurity risk assessments for municipal and government organizations across the country; they have past experience with Alaskan entities, and offer a technical team with Alaska resumes. After interviewing their team and conferring with previous clients they referred us to, Structured appears to be a great fit for the City of Homer Cybersecurity Risk Assessment.

Recommendation: Award a contract to perform a Cybersecurity Risk Assessment to Structured Communications Systems, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska.