

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager/
Chief Technology Officer

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 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE
AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes the importance of cybersecurity in
safeguarding its digital infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer City Council adopted Ordinance 24-15 accepting and
appropriating a FY22 State & Local Cybersecurity Grant (SLCGP) Award in the amount of
\$50,000 from Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the
purpose of conducting a cybersecurity risk assessment; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Municipal League issued a competitive request for proposals
calling for Information Technology and Cybersecurity support for Alaska municipalities; and

WHEREAS, After a review and selection process, the Alaska Municipal League selected
Structured Communication Systems, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska as an competitively procured
option to fulfill the cybersecurity support for Alaska Municipal League member municipalities;
and

WHEREAS, The City of Homer is a member in good standing of the Alaska Municipal
League; and


WHEREAS, Interviewing the firm and checking references further confirmed the City's
confidence in Structured Communication Systems, Inc. for cybersecurity assessment support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awards the
Contract for a Cybersecurity Risk Assessment to Structured Communications Systems, Inc. of
Anchorage, Alaska in the Amount of \$50,000 and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and
execute the appropriate documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 26th day of March, 2024


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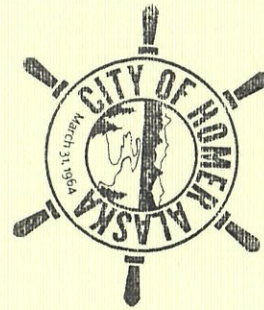
KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, ACTING CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: Ordinance 24-15 accepts and appropriates \$50,000 for this contract.





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.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Castner and City Council
Date: March 18, 2024
From: Bill Jirsa, Chief Technology Officer
Through: Melissa Jacobsen, Acting City Manager

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.