



WASHOE COUNTY

Integrity Communication Service

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

DATE: Thursday, July 15, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 license renewal of Mimecast Email Security through vendor Fortnet Security in an amount [not to exceed \$126,000]. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

The greatest threat to the County's network, equipment and data is attack on employees through their email. This can come in the form of malware and phishing attacks. It is estimated that 94% of malware is spread through email. Washoe County has adopted a layered security strategy to combat this threat. Mimecast is one of the tools used to safeguards employee communication and reduces risk with targeted threat protection, data leak prevention, and enforced email security controls.

Mimecast also provides email journaling which lets the County record all communications for use in email retention or archiving. Mimecast is used by Technology Services to perform e-Discovery and provides information for all public records requests.

The Technology Services Department is requesting for approval the license renewal of Mimecast Email Security through Fortnet Security in an amount [not to exceed \$126,000].

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

- On May 18, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved and adopted the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

BACKGROUND

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AGENDA ITEM # _____

Mimecast Email Security was purchased in FY2018-2019 and has been renewed every year. It works with Office 365 Email Exchange and covers the Office 365 tenants for Washoe County and District Court.

Pursuant to NRS 332.115, computer hardware and software are exempt from competitive bidding requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget has sufficient budget authority for Mimecast Email Security not to exceed \$126,000 in Technology Services (108), Office 365 (60522), Software Subscription (710212).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 license renewal of Mimecast Email Security through vendor Fortnet Security in an amount [not to exceed \$126,000].

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the staff recommendation, a possible motion would be:
“Move to approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 license renewal of Mimecast Email Security through vendor Fortnet Security in an amount [not to exceed \$126,000].”