

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 7, 2025

AGENDA NO. 9

PROPOSAL: Authorize Purchase of CrowdStrike Protection Services

SYNOPSIS: South Coast AQMD currently utilizes CrowdStrike Protection Services to safeguard agency systems against viruses, malware, identity threats, and other modern cyber threats, thereby reducing the likelihood of costly data breaches. This action is to obtain approval for a one-year period with CrowdStrike for a total amount not to exceed \$108,000. Funding for this purchase is included in the FY 2025-26 Budget for Information Management.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, October 10, 2025; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Procurement Manager to purchase CrowdStrike Services and execute all necessary documents for this purchase for a one-year period at an estimated cost of \$108,000.

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Background

CrowdStrike is a global cybersecurity leader that provides a cloud-native platform for protecting critical areas of enterprise risk. Since August 2018, South Coast AQMD has utilized CrowdStrike's protection services to safeguard agency systems against viruses, malware, and other modern cyber threats, thereby reducing the likelihood of costly computer system breaches.

Today's dynamic and expansive Information Technology environment, including cloud adoption, remote work, and third-party access, has significantly expanded the agency's digital boundaries, increasing exposure to emerging cyber threats. Maintaining CrowdStrike protection services is essential to safeguard South Coast AQMD's computer systems and accounts, strengthen agency resilience against cyberattacks,

enable faster responses to real-time threats, automate remediation to reduce the risk of data breaches, and improve operational efficiency while reducing compliance and support costs.

The estimated annual subscription cost for CrowdStrike protection services is \$108,000. Funding for this purchase is included in the FY 2025-26 Budget for Information Management.

Proposal

In accordance with South Coast AQMD's Administrative Policies and Procedures Number 35, bids were solicited from firms on the List of Prequalified Vendors to provide computer, network, printer hardware and software, and desktop computer hardware upgrades. Bids were also sought through vendor master agreements, cooperative agreements, and other interagency agreements with governmental entities to ensure the best available pricing. The prequalified vendor list was approved by the Board on February 2, 2024, and remains in effect through February 2, 2026.

This action is to authorize the Procurement Manager to execute a purchase order for CrowdStrike Protection Services with the vendor offering the lowest-cost bid for the annual subscription fee.

Resource Impacts

Sufficient funds are included in the FY 2025-26 Budget.