



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2025

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FROM: SELINA ANDREWS, FINANCE DIRECTOR

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TITLE: ARCTIC WOLF MDR SOFTWARE RENEWAL

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager and Purchasing Agent to renew an annual license for Arctic Wolf MDR from Savant Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$109,782.27 for the period August 27, 2025, through August 26, 2026, subject to the appropriation of funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Arctic Wolf, a Managed Detection and Response (MDR) solution, provides the City of Salinas (City) with a security platform that includes a real-time operations center, network security monitoring, and end-user security training platform. The City relies on the Arctic Wolf MDR platform as part of its information security strategy to improve its security posture to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of its network resources and technology systems.

BACKGROUND:

The City has been using Arctic Wolf MDR since FY 2021-22. This renewal is year three (3) of a three (3) year agreement with Arctic Wolf Networks Inc. The end-user security awareness training component was added in 2023 to provide interactive and informative cybersecurity training for City employees. Arctic Wolf MDR provides 24/7 monitoring, detection, and response for the City's network environment that includes servers and end-point devices. Service support items include:

- Centralized security logging and monitoring. Should any concerning security threats arise, City of Salinas Information Technology is promptly alerted.
- Continuous vulnerability and risk management. Included are monthly vulnerability scans that include all public facing components of the network.
- Continuous improvement of security posture, including employee security awareness trainings.

Maintaining the Artic Wolf MDR security software is necessary to support the maintenance and operations of multiple staff activities while protecting the network environment from security threats.

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 APPLIES:

Yes.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This request supports City Council's Strategic Goals and Strategies of Effective and Culturally Responsive Government, by ensuring that the information systems can support City programs, projects, network infrastructure and City services.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

This staff report has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, and City Attorney's Office.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funding for Arctic Wolf MDR software renewal is available and appropriated in the FY 25-26 operating budget. The total sum of renewal expenditures exceeds the current City Manager purchasing approval authority of two hundred-fifty thousand dollars.

Fund	CIP (5800)	Appropriation	Appropriation Name	Total Appropriation	Amount for recommendation	FY 25-26 Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Resolution)
1000	n/a	20.2033-63.4980	Outside Services Maintenance - Software	\$1,268.117.00	\$109,785.27	124	8/6/2024, Resolution No. 23050

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Savant Solutions Inc. Quote