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MEMORANDUM

TO: George Sidhu, P.E., General Manager
FROM: Alistair R. Boudreaux, M.P.A., IT Manager
SUBJECT: IT Security - Data Backup and Recovery

Requested Action:

Authorize the general manager to enter into a contract with CDW-G, in the amount of \$123,888.44 for the purchase of Rubrik's Data Protection service in order to provide data backup and recovery services.

Background:

As part of our ongoing efforts to optimize our IT infrastructure, we have evaluated our current data backup and recovery solution, which utilizes Veeam in conjunction with 11:11 (formerly iLand). While this setup has provided adequate data backup and protection, it was time to migrate to a more robust platform that could combine these two services into one platform, with the added benefit of providing additional cybersecurity-related functions.

The IT team reviewed Rubrik and another data backup and recovery offering called Cohesity. Both services offer the ability to conduct data backup on-premises with dedicated hardware, have the ability to send an immutable backup to the cloud, and provide data protection schemes to prevent ransomware attacks on the backed-up data.

Both services provide high-quality data backup services; however, the cost of Rubrik's backup service is clearly the right fiscal decision for the PUD.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact should be minimal. Currently, we pay roughly \$132,000 annually for our VEEAM and 11:11 services. Rubrik will cost less, and we will not have to manage two licenses.

Enclosures: