

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Information Technology Department

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor

**THRU:** John D. Hedges, Purchasing & Contracting Department *JH*

**FROM:** Ben Hanson *BH*

**DATE:** January 21, 2022

**RE:** Cybersecurity Incident Response and Recovery Sole Source Waiver

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On Wednesday, January 19, 2022, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) IT Department recognized that there was an ongoing cybersecurity attack against a KPB server which required activation of an emergency response. KPB contracted with a cybersecurity professional, and over the next 48 hours the contractor assisted with assessment of the event, and formulation of a plan to remediate the identified threat.

The cyber threat identified poses a risk to public property and welfare, and KPB IT is requesting that KPB execute a contract with GCSIT under KPB statute 528.290, Emergency Procurement.

In this phase of the emergency response, KPB IT will engage with GCSIT's cybersecurity resource to implement additional defensive measures. These defensive measures will also provide data which will assist in confirming that the attacker is not active within the Borough's network.

Your approval is hereby requested. Funding for this project is \$30,000 and in account number 700.11238.K0161.43999.

Approved: *CP* 1/22/2022  
Charlie Pierce, Mayor Date

FINANCE DEPARTMENT FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>700.11238.K0161.439999</u>
Amount	<u>\$30,000</u>
By: <i>BH</i>	Date: <u>1/21/2022</u>
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