Office of the Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs

Sole Source Procurement Notice

Cyber Range for Cyber Security Training and Skill Development

Cyberbit, Inc.

May 15, 2022

I. Introduction

The Office of the Illinois State Treasurer (the "Treasurer") is issuing this Sole Source Procurement Notice pursuant to Section 1400.2025 of the Treasurer's Procurement Rules (the "Rules"), 44 ILAC 1400.2025(e).

The Treasurer requires both a cybersecurity platform as well as fully customizable user training that can accommodate rapidly-changing cybersecurity requirements.

The Treasurer has very specific security needs given the sensitive nature of its programs and divisions, including investments.

The Treasurer anticipates a three (3) year contract.

II. **Chief Procurement Officer**

The Chief Procurement Office who will perform this Sole Source Procurement is:

Mr. Christopher M. Flynn **Chief Procurement Officer** Illinois State Treasurer's Office One East Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701

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III. Name of Proposed Sole Source Vendor

Cyberbit, Inc. 6600 Chase Oaks Blvd., Suite 150 Plano, TX 75023

IV. Brief Description of What Vendor Will Do or Provide

The Treasurer wishes to utilize Cyberbit, Inc. ("Cyberbit") to provide a software-as-a-service platform as well as fully customizable cybersecurity training.

V. Contract Price

Total costs are not anticipated to exceed \$150,000 per year.

VI. Reason Why Cyberbit was Determined to be the Sole Economically Feasible Source

This is appropriate under Section 1400.2025 of the Treasurer's Procurement Rules, 44 ILAC 1400.2025(b), particularly subsection (1). Only Cyberbit provides both the software-as-a-service platform as well as fully customizable cybersecurity training the Treasurer requires. Additionally, the Treasurer has utilized Cyberbit to provide training to outside clients of the Treasurer including users of the Treasurer's ePay program, and the Treasurer must have consistent training available.

The Treasurer requires an integrated platform that includes a cyber range for team exercises, cyber labs for individual skill development, and the ability for the Treasurer to request specific and customizable trainings related to Treasurer programs. The customization requirements of the Treasurer require a vendor that provides this training without an increase in cost to the Treasurer.