

**Contract #: General Services Administration
(GSA) Schedule Contract # GS-035F-0119Y
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

User Department's Recommendation

Recommended Firm: Layer 3 Communications, LLC

User Department: Innovation and Technology

APPROVE (Please circle one): YES NO

Name of Fund: General Fund 100 Object Code 522201

Contract Award Amount: \$145,671.01

Justification:

The purpose of this request is to purchase Palo Alto firewalls as an extension to our existing Palo Alto on-premises firewalls in our Microsoft Azure tenants. This implementation will enable full firewall protection for our systems such as Microsoft 365, Azure storage, and servers in our Microsoft tenant. The benefit of adding the Palo Alto firewalls as an extension to our on-premises Palo Alto infrastructure is that all firewall rules, blocks, and whitelists will work seamlessly between our on-premises and Microsoft 365 environments. The equipment is an extension of our existing environment being implemented because of conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and should not be considered as and will not function as a stand-alone system.

Department Director

Date

