



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Denis Goulet, *Commissioner*

May 26, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Information Technology to enter into a **sole source** contract amendment with The Atom Group, LLC, of Portsmouth, NH (VC #313392) by increasing the price limitation by \$1,166,143 from \$2,158,305 to \$3,324,448, and extending the completion date from December 31, 2028 to December 31, 2030, for the purpose of continuing the Municipal Cyber Defense Program (MCDP) to provide Cyber Security Training and Exercise services to Municipalities, K-12 SAUs, Local Utility Commissions, and State Agencies throughout the State of New Hampshire, effective upon Governor and Council approval. The Governor and Executive Council approved the original contract agreement on March 8, 2023, Item #16 and amended with Governor and Executive Council approval on October 4, 2023, Item #40, on August 30, 2024, Item #61, and on April 9, 2025, Item #39. Source of Funds: 100% Transfer of Federal Funds.

Funding is available in Fiscal Year 2026 as follows:

CAT#-DEPT#-AGENCY#-ACTIVIT#-ACCOUNTING UNIT #- DEPT NAME- AGENCY NAME -ACCOUNTING UNIT NAME CLASS- OBJECT - DESC	FY 26
01-03-03-030010-63200000-HLS Equipment Grants-102-500731-Contracts for Program Services	\$100,000
01-03-03-030010-55120000-Department of Information Technology-2026 Cyber Enhancements Grant-103-502664-Contracts for Operational Services	\$1,066,143
Total	\$1,166,143

EXPLANATION

This contract amendment is **sole source** because the original contract was sole source. This amendment extends the successful and nationally recognized Municipal Cyber Defense Program through a NH Public-Private partnership of the Department of Information Technology, the NH Cybersecurity Integration Center (NH CIC), the New Hampshire Municipal Association, the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (PRIMEX³), and the Atom Group, LLC.

When PRIMEX³ evaluated potential service providers for their municipal members, they looked closely at multiple firms and chose to form the partnership with The Atom Group informed by the following:

- ATOM is a New Hampshire company who has long standing pre-negotiated rates (which have not increased) with the PRIMEX membership, Cities and School districts that are not PRIMEX members, the NH General Court, and the NH Executive Branch.
- Further vetting of ATOM Group was done by PRIMEX's reinsurer, Beazley, prior to ATOM's latest renewal as the Cyber First Responder for the PRIMEX membership. Both PRIMEX and Beazley conducted a review of employee backgrounds, relevant certifications, and clearances to ensure a sustainable partnership could be maintained.
- Beazley also reviewed ATOM's capabilities and capacity as a forensic first response provider to include their billing rates and ultimately approved them for use in New Hampshire by PRIMEX on behalf of more than 550 Municipal entities across the state.

The New Hampshire Municipal Cyber Defense Program (MCDP), a public-private partnership between the State of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (PRIMEX³), the New Hampshire Municipal Association, and The ATOM Group, is the state's primary cybersecurity assessment and training program for defending against the increasing frequency and sophistication of cyberattacks on local government infrastructure. Funded by New Hampshire's State and Local Cybersecurity Program (SLCGP) and State Homeland Security Grants, the MCDP shifts New Hampshire from a vulnerable, reactive posture to a proactive, resilient posture by addressing its most critical vulnerability: our workforce. The MCDP has achieved an unprecedented level of training since inception. Over the last two years, the MCDP has reached 57% of eligible New Hampshire School Administrative Units (SAUs) and 52% of eligible municipalities with one or more of these seventeen significant training events on an annual basis.

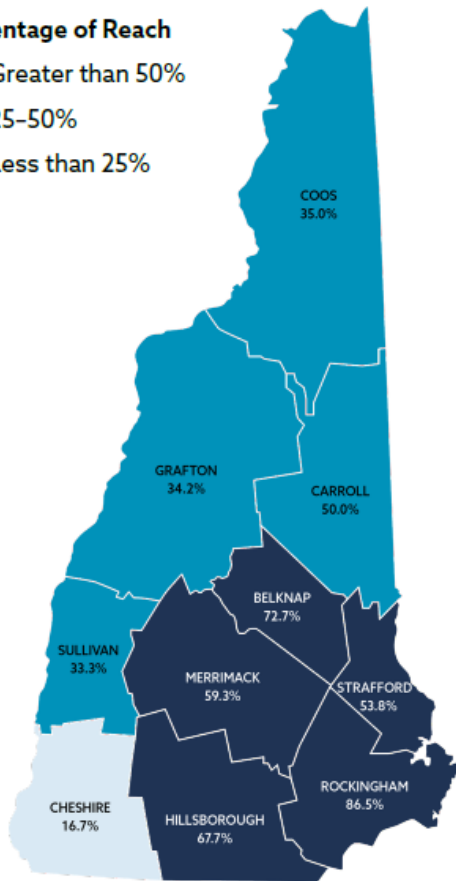
- General Cybersecurity Awareness Training
- Public Cybersecurity Training for Libraries – Open to the Public!
- Cybersecurity Training for Police and Fire Departments (Includes CJIS, Evidence, Dispatch)
- Cybersecurity Training for Financial Teams (Include ACH Fraud and Payroll Fraud)
- Cybersecurity Training for IT Teams
- How to Legally Review Cybersecurity Documentation and Policies
- Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan Creation
- Tabletop Workshop for cybersecurity incident response plans •
- Cybersecurity Microsoft O365 Secure Setup Review and Training (Includes Log Review)
- Cybersecurity Google Workspace Secure Setup Review and Training (Includes Log Review)
- Cyber Protections for SCADA Networks Training
- Cybersecurity Training for Educators (K-12 & SAU)
- Cybersecurity Voting Protection Training for Cities and Towns
- Cybersecurity Advanced Indicator of Compromise Detection Training (For IT Engineers)
- Data Privacy Training for Emergency Responders.
- CIS Controls Webinar Series (Controls 1-16, Implementation Group 1&2)
- Region Cyber Defense Training Program – Quarterly Updates on NH Incidents

The graphics below illustrate the reach of these programs:

Training Reach Across NH Municipalities

Percentage of Reach

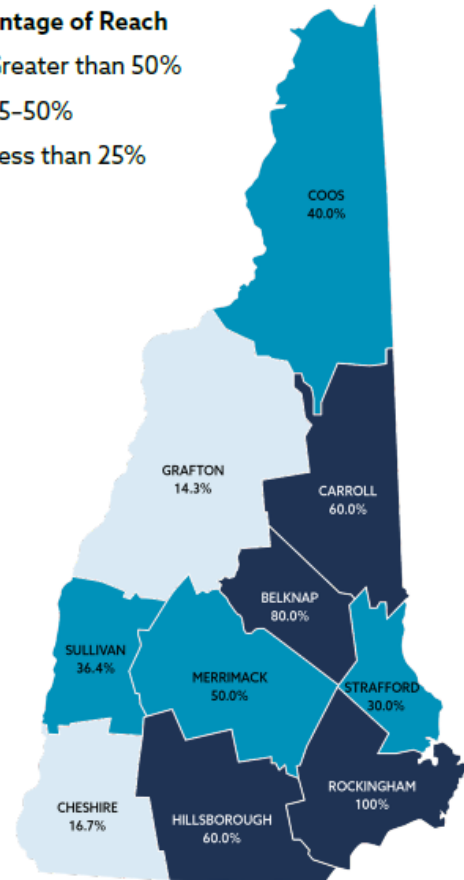
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- 25-50%
- Less than 25%



Training Reach Across NH SAUs

Percentage of Reach

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- 25-50%
- Less than 25%



An MCDP training event for NH SAUs typically involves the administration, staff, and educators and can be a multi-day event. Although the number of employees trained varies by the size of the SAU, the average event provides role-based cybersecurity training to approximately 300-1200 K12 employees. An MCDP training event for a city or town usually includes the Police and Fire Departments, Public Works Department, Finance Directors and Tax Collectors and other town officials that use Information Technology. The Regional Cyber Defense Training Program is presented quarterly. This event focuses on the Cyber events that have occurred in New Hampshire over the preceding 90 days. Details of the event, type of attack, and recovery/continuity actions are discussed and recommended ways to mitigate the risk to individual organizations are provided. Invitees include cities, towns, counties, State Government Agencies, PRIMEX³, managed service providers, critical infrastructure operators, and K12 Administrators and Security personnel. Over the last two years, participation has grown from 20-30 attendees to more than 150 attendees each quarter, and there is always a waiting list.

The following entities are scheduled for training over the next ninety days:

Education	Municipality
Fall Mountain SD (SAU 60)	Town of Newington
Milton SD (SAU 64)	Town of Auburn
Hampton SD (SAU 21)	Town of Bow
Salem SD (SAU 57) 2 Sessions	Town of Exeter
Manchester SD (SAU 37)	Town of Wakefield
Newmarket SD (SAU 31)	Town of Sandown
Merrimack Valley SD (SAU 46)	Town of Freedom
Pembroke SD (SAU 53)	Town of Sunapee
Concord SD (SAU 8)	
Newport SD (SAU 43)	Law Enforcement/Security
Inter-Lakes SD (SAU 2)	Kensington PD
Pelham (SAU 28)	Littleton PD
	Strafford County Sherrif's Office
Library	NH Airport Security
Bethlehem Public Library	
Rochester Public Library	Emergency Services
Howe Library	Ossipee Corner FD
Concord Public Library	Lakes Region Mutual Aid (Fire)
Wiggin Memorial Library	

By approving this contract amendment, the State will benefit from a higher level of Cyber Security awareness and training by reducing overall risk and increasing situational awareness of Cyber Security events/incidents at the local level.

The Department of Information Technology respectfully requests approval of this contract amendment.

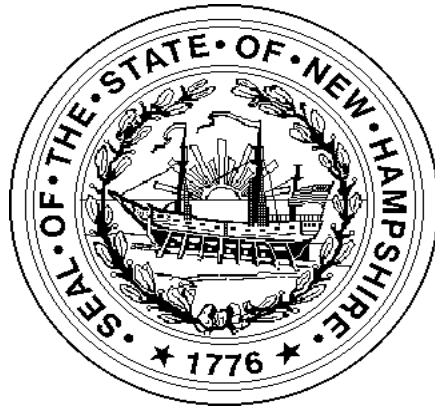
Respectfully submitted,



Denis Goulet
 Commissioner / CIO
 Department of Information Technology

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 DoIT #2023-030D
 RID #100214, (93115, 88456, 80908, 71682)

cc: Pam McLeod, DoIT Chief Information Security Officer



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department of Information Technology

AMENDMENT 4 to Municipal Cyber Training and Exercises

DoIT # 2023-030D

**AMENDMENT TO State and Local Cybersecurity Grant (SLCGP), Municipal Cyber Defense Program (MCDP) and Grant Funded Critical Infrastructure Key Resources (CIKR) Cybersecurity Services
DoIT # 2024-014- AMENDMENT # 4**

This Amendment (the “Amendment”) is entered into by and between the State of New Hampshire, acting through its Department of Information Technology (the “Department”) and The Atom Group, 46 Donovan Street, Concord, NH, 03301 (“Contractor”). The Department and Contractor are sometimes referred to herein singularly as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into that certain Agreement approved by Governor and Council, as a sole source contract on March 8, 2023, Item #16, as amended on October 4, 2023, Item #40, as amended on August 30, 2024, Item #61, as changed by Change Order #1 of April 1, 2025 for invoicing and payment procedures, and as amended on April 9, 2025 Item #39, hereafter known as the “Agreement” wherein the Contractor agreed to provide, and the Department agreed to purchase, Grant-Funded Cybersecurity Training and Exercises for State and Local Eligible Entities in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 18 of the Agreement, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement as further specified herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration exchanged, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby conclusively acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Amend Section 1.7 of the State of New Hampshire P-37 General Provisions by extending the Completion Date from December 31, 2028 to December 31, 2030.
2. Amend Section 1.8 of the State of New Hampshire P-37 General Provisions by increasing the Price Limitation by \$1,166,143 from \$2,158,305 to \$3,324,448.
3. Amend Exhibit B – Statement of work (SOW) Business and Technical Requirements and Deliverables to include a new paragraph: “The Contractor shall leverage data derived by MCDP engagements and Regional Incident Response Activities to advise NH State Grant Planning Committees, the Chief Information Officer (CIO), the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Other State Officials who request assistance, on potential grant funded projects that reduce verified cyber risk to MCDP eligible entities.”

State of NH Contract
Date: 05/21/26
Contractor’s Initials: JJS

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CONTRACT HISTORY

DOCUMENT TYPE	G&C APPROVAL DATE AND ITEM #	COMPLETION DATE	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Original Contract	March 8, 2023, Item #16	June 30, 2024	\$100,705
Amendment A	October 4, 2023, Item #40	June 30, 2025	\$300,000
Amendment B	August 30, 2024, Item #61	September 30, 2027	\$1,500,000
Amendment C	April 9, 2025, Item #39	December 31, 2028	\$257,600
Amendment D	TBD	December 31, 2030	\$1,166,143
		Total	\$3,324,448

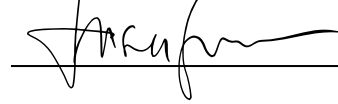
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Except as provided herein, all provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. This amendment shall take effect upon the approval date from the Governor and the Executive Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands as of the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR



Date: 05/21/26

Jason Sgro

The Atom Group

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



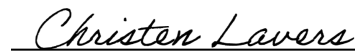
Date: May 27, 2026

Denis Goulet, Commissioner

Department of Information Technology

The preceding Amendment, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

Approved by the Attorney General



Date: 5/28/26

State of New Hampshire, Department of Justice

I hereby certify that the foregoing amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: _____ (date of meeting)

Office of the Secretary of State

_____ Date: _____

State of NH Contract

Date: 05/21/26

Contractor's Initials: JJS

State of New Hampshire

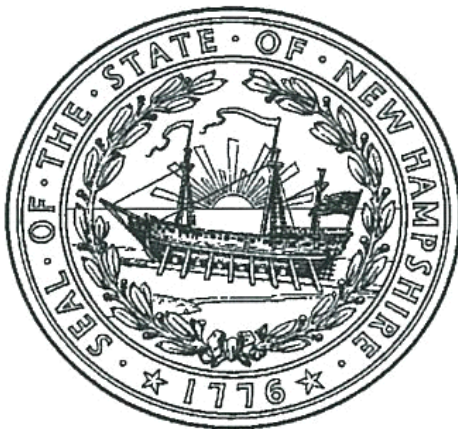
Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that THE ATOM GROUP LLC is a New Hampshire Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on April 12, 2007. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: **576086**

Certificate Number: **0007936443**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 26th day of May A.D. 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Scanlan", written over a faint circular outline.

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

LLC Certification of Authority

I, LAURA MUNYON, ESQ, counsel for THE ATOM GROUP, LLC, hereby certify that JASON JOSEPH SGRO is Managing Partner of THE ATOM GROUP, LLC, a limited liability partnership under RSA 304-B.

I certify that JASON JOSEPH SGRO is authorized to bind the partnership or LLC. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and that they have full authority to bind the partnership or LLC and that this authorization **shall remain valid for ninety (90) days** from the date of this Corporate Resolution.

DATED: MAY 26, 2026

ATTEST:

