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NDIT Security Solutions

Budget: ~~\$5,146,200~~ \$4,190,620

Funding to for increases to NDIT Solutions.
Could be included in NDIT budget instead of NDUS.



Subject: NDIT Security Solutions

Issue: NDIT Security Solution costs are increasing.

Discussion:

NDIT informed CTS the cost to continue to provide the NDUS with NDIT Security Solutions an additional ~~\$5,146,200~~ \$4,190,620 per biennium. The additional costs are related to Cortex XDR Pro endpoints (increase \$2,104,800), 100TB Cortex Data Lake (increase \$1,577,400), and additional firewall licensing charges (increase \$1,464,000).

The cost to convert from NDIT to CTS's own would be enormous and require migrating out of 25 firewalls into new firewalls, reinstalling software on 21,000 endpoints, retraining staff, loss of threat hunting services, etc.

The funding could be included in NDIT's budget versus NDUS.

Not funding our current detection and response solution can leave NDUS vulnerable to sophisticated cyberattacks and increase the time it takes to detect and respond to threats. Additionally, it can lead to higher operational costs and a greater risk of data breaches. This impacts all 11 public institutions, NDUSO, and CTS.

Recommendation: Provide the ~~\$5,146,200~~ \$4,190,620 in NDIT's appropriation to cover the increased NDUS share of the NDIT Security Solution.