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Whole-of-State Program Delivers Security that's 'Antivirus On Steroids'

Woodbury, Minnesota, was one of the first cities to take advantage of the subsidized managed detection and response solution.

In Woodbury, Minnesota, the city's 11-person IT department faced a difficult decision. The cybersecurity hardware and software they adopted three years ago was up for renewal, and the new price was more than they wanted to pay.

For CrowdStrike's managed detection and response offering, the city had a 15% discount for the first year through a Center for Internet Security, or CIS, program. The city paid $51 for each of its 400 devices, "so our cost initially was $20,400 for the year," said Robert James, Woodbury's information and communications technology director. "When the renewal came around, it was without the initial discount, so it was $24,000 for the year."

But the Minnesota Whole-of-State Cybersecurity Plan offered a way forward. Developed by the Minnesota Information Technology Services' Cybersecurity Task Force, the plan offers managed detection and response capabilities through a whole-of-state cybersecurity plan.

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