

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Panasonic Toughbooks (Laptops) with Accessories for Police Department – OMNIA Partners/NCPA Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of thirty-one (31) Panasonic Toughbooks with accessories, for the Police Department, from Virtucom (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$128,904.96. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners/NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-170.

The Panasonic Toughbooks will be utilized by Investigators in the field. These laptops are purposely built rugged and are meant to be used in any environment.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #14-23, initiated by Omnia Partners/NCPA, whereby TD Synnex was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Advanced Technology Solutions Aggregator. Virtucom is an authorized reseller for TD Synnex. The contract available under TIPS has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The contract began December 14, 2023, and will expire on December 31, 2026, with renewal options through December 31, 2028. Omnia Partners/NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) is a leading national government purchasing Cooperative working to reduce the cost of goods and services by leveraging the purchasing power of public agencies in all 50 states. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners/NCPA meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety PS – Computer Equipment – Public Safety - CPD Equipment (ARP); 0218 – 691 – 1100 – ARPS – 7751 – 40314 – 20230.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THIRTY-ONE (31) PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS WITH ACCESSORIES, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FROM VIRTUCOM (NORCROSS, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,904.96. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA OMNIA PARTNERS/NCPA (NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE) CONTRACT #01-170.

WHEREAS, the Panasonic Toughbooks will be utilized by Investigators in the field. These laptops are purposely built rugged and are meant to be used in any environment; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #14-23, initiated by Omnia Partners/NCPA, whereby TD Synnex was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Advanced Technology Solutions Aggregator. Virtucom is an authorized reseller for TD Synnex. The contract available under TIPS has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. The contract began December 14, 2023, and will expire on December 31, 2026, with renewal options through December 31, 2028. Omnia Partners/NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) is a leading national government purchasing Cooperative working to reduce the cost of goods and services by leveraging the purchasing power of public agencies in all 50 states. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners/NCPA meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase thirty-one (31) Panasonic Toughbooks with accessories, for the Police Department, from Virtucom (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$128,904.96. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners/NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-170. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: American Rescue Plan-Fiscal Recovery Funds – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety PS – Computer Equipment – Public Safety - CPD Equipment (ARP); 0218 – 691 – 1100 – ARPS – 7751 – 40314 – 20230

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Hickey voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____

Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor