

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	First-In Alerting Smart Station System for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of the First-in Alerting Smart Station System from Westnet, LLC (Huntington Beach, CA) in the amount of \$259,479.06. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020625-WNT.

The First-In Fire Station Alerting System utilizes a series of remote units placed strategically throughout the fire station to notify Fire and EMS personnel of an emergency call in the quickest, safest and most advanced means possible. This public safety communication technology and hardware solution will be installed in Fire Station #4 and Fire Station #8.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020625, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Westnet, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Public Safety Communications Technology and Hardware Solutions. The contract, which commenced July 18, 2025, is good through June 23, 2029. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY27 Budget as follows:

Funding in the amount of \$117,611.47 is available for Fire Station 4 as follows: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services – Fire Station #4 Upgrade; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54157-20260.

Funding in the amount of \$141,867.59 is available for Fire Station 8 as follows: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Professional Services – Fire Station #8 Upgrade; 0567-696-3111-STPS-6311-54155-20250.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF THE FIRST-IN ALERTING SMART STATION SYSTEM FROM WESTNET, LLC (HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$259,479.06. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #020625-WNT.

WHEREAS, the First-In Fire Station Alerting System utilizes a series of remote units placed strategically throughout the fire station to notify Fire and EMS personnel of an emergency call in the quickest, safest and most advanced means possible. This public safety communication technology and hardware solution will be installed in Fire Station #4 and Fire Station #8; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #020625, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Westnet, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Public Safety Communications Technology and Hardware Solutions. The contract, which commenced July 18, 2025, is good through June 23, 2029. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance. Additionally, the City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase the First-in Alerting Smart Station System from Westnet, LLC (Huntington Beach, CA) in the amount of \$259,479.06. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #020625-WNT. Funds are available in the FY27 Budget as follows:

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Cook	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor