

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| <b>TO:</b>                 | Mayor and Councilors                              |
| <b>AGENDA<br/>SUBJECT:</b> | Purchase of Bomb Suit with Helmet and Accessories |
| <b>INITIATED BY:</b>       | Finance Department                                |

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) EOD 10 Bomb suit with helmet and accessories from MED-ENG, LLC (Ogdensburg, NY) in the amount of \$32,173.00.

The bomb suit will be worn by bomb technicians of the Office of Homeland Security. The EOD 10 Bomb Suit is a full body suit of armor, with a helmet that protects a bomb technician from blast and fragmentation should a detonation occur while performing duties on a suspicious package or any type of explosive related threat.

Just as traditional body armor, worn by patrol officers, has an expiration date, the bomb suit is made of mostly Kevlar which degrades over time and has an expiration date. The bomb squad currently does not own a single bomb suit that is within specifications and has not expired. Therefore, it is imperative that the suit is ordered as quickly as possible.

Per Resolution #362-05 and Resolution #391-09, the City purchased bomb suits from MED-ENG Systems. The new bomb suit will be compatible with the current equipment because the helmets and breathing apparatus visors are interchangeable. Therefore, MED-ENG is considered the only known source for this purchase.

Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Fire & EMS – FY18 GEMA-DHS Grant – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0216 – 410 – 3941 – GEDH – 7761.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) EOD 10 BOMB SUIT WITH HELMET AND ACCESSORIES FROM MED-ENG, LLC (OGDENSBURG, NY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,173.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the bomb suit will be worn by bomb technicians of the Office of Homeland Security. The EOD 10 Bomb Suit is a full body suit of armor, with a helmet, that protects a bomb technician from blast and fragmentation should a detonation occur while performing duties on a suspicious package or any type of explosive related threat; and,

**WHEREAS**, just as traditional body armor, worn by patrol officers, has an expiration date, the bomb suit is made of mostly Kevlar which degrades over time and has an expiration date. The bomb squad currently does not own a single bomb suit that is within specifications and has not expired. Therefore, it is imperative that the suit is ordered as quickly as possible; and,

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution #362-05 and Resolution #391-09, the City purchased bomb suits from MED-ENG Systems. The new bomb suit will be compatible with the current equipment because the helmets and breathing apparatus visors are interchangeable. Therefore, MED-ENG is considered the only known source for this purchase.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) EOD 10 Bomb suit with helmet and accessories from MED-ENG, LLC (Ogdensburg, NY) in the amount of \$32,173.00. Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Fire & EMS – FY18 GEMA-DHS Grant – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0216 – 410 – 3941 – GEDH – 7761.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thompson voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor