

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Scoreboards for Parks and Recreation – TIPS-USA Cooperative Contract
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of scoreboards from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company (Wrightsville, GA) as follows:

Description	Quantity	Total cost
LX 1373 Baseball Scoreboard, 14Ft x 6 FT, with Wireless system, accessories and freight	12	\$88,380.00
LX 3230 Football Scoreboard, 14Ft x 5 FT with Wireless system, accessories and freight	3	\$24,140.00
LX 1250 Baseball Scoreboard, 14Ft x 5 FT with Wireless system, accessories and freight	1	\$5,840.00
Total Units	16	\$118,360.00

The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via TIPS-USA Contract #220901.

The Parks and Recreation Department requests to purchase 16 replacement outdoor scoreboards for a combination of football, baseball, and softball fields. The fields are located at Tillis, Shirley Winston and Edgewood Recreation Centers, as well as Rigdon Road and Lakebottom Parks. The scoreboards will be used for a combination of both senior and youth games. The current scoreboards have become outdated and difficult to keep in good repair due to their age and the availability of parts. The requested boards are provided by Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company, a vendor the city has done business with in the past, including the provision of new basketball scoreboards for all of the recreation super centers.

The installation of the new boards will be handled by the Public Works Department, as were the basketball scoreboards. The continuity of utilizing the Electro-Mech scoreboards will allow Public Works technicians to work with familiar equipment, thereby increasing their efficiency. Public Works staff and Parks and Recreation staff will also be able to rely on their familiarity with the scoreboard software and technical support offered by Electro-Mech in order to operate and maintain the new scoreboards.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #220901, initiated by The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), whereby Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Scoreboards and Services. The contract is good through November 30, 2025. The contract available under TIPS has been awarded by virtue of a public

competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. TIPS is an acronym for The Interlocal Purchasing System. TIPS is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively procured purchasing contracts to its membership. For governmental agencies such as public education organizations, higher education entities, and city or county governments, membership in a purchasing cooperative offers the following benefits: 1) Access to competitively procured contracts with quality vendors, 2) Savings of time and financial resources necessary to fulfill bid requirements, 3) Assistance with purchasing process by qualified TIPS staff and 4) Access to pricing based on a “national” high-profile contract. The RFP process utilized by TIPS meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are available in the FY24 Budget: General Fund – Parks and Recreation – Parks Services – Other Equipment; 0101 – 270 – 2100 – PSRV – 7762.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCOREBOARDS FROM ELECTRO-MECH SCOREBOARD COMPANY (WRIGHTSVILLE, GA) AS FOLLOWS:

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
LX 1373 BASEBALL SCOREBOARD, 14FT X 6 FT, WITH WIRELESS SYSTEM, ACCESSORIES AND FREIGHT	12	\$88,380.00
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THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA TIPS-USA CONTRACT #220901.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department requests to purchase 16 replacement outdoor scoreboards for a combination of football, baseball, and softball fields. The fields are located at Tillis, Shirley Winston and Edgewood Recreation Centers, as well as Rigdon Road and Lakebottom Parks. The scoreboards will be used for a combination of both senior and youth games. The current scoreboards have become outdated and difficult to keep in good repair due to their age and the availability of parts. The requested boards are provided by Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company, a vendor the city has done business with in the past, including the provision of new basketball scoreboards for all of the recreation super centers; and,

WHEREAS, the installation of the new boards will be handled by the Public Works Department, as were the basketball scoreboards. The continuity of utilizing the Electro-Mech scoreboards will allow Public Works technicians to work with familiar equipment, thereby increasing their efficiency. Public Works staff and Parks and Recreation staff will also be able to rely on their familiarity with the scoreboard software and technical support offered by Electro-Mech in order to operate and maintain the new scoreboards; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #220901, initiated by The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), whereby Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Scoreboards and Services. The contract is good through November 30, 2025. The contract available under TIPS has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. TIPS is an acronym for The Interlocal Purchasing System. TIPS is a national purchasing cooperative that offers access to competitively procured purchasing contracts to its membership. For governmental agencies such as public education organizations, higher education entities, and city or county governments, membership in a purchasing cooperative offers the following benefits: 1) Access to competitively procured contracts with quality vendors, 2) Savings of time and financial resources necessary to fulfill bid requirements, 3) Assistance with purchasing process by qualified TIPS staff and 4) Access to pricing based on a “national” high-profile contract. The RFP process utilized by TIPS meets the requirements of the City’s 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 is hereby authorized to purchase scoreboards from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company (Wrightsville, GA) as follows:

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Barnes voting _____
- Councilor Begly voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____
- Councilor Huff voting _____
- Councilor Thomas voting _____
- Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor