

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of the First-in Alerting Smart Station System from Westnet, LLC (Hunting Beach, CA) in the amount of \$109,408.50. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #042021-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. The Department is phasing in the system as stations are renovated/constructed or funds are available to have this technology installed in all 14 fire stations.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #042021, 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 June 28, 2021, is good through June 23, 2025. 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 FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Fire/EMS – Public Safety/LOST - Capital Expend/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 410 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE FIRST-IN ALERTING SMART STATION SYSTEM FROM WESTNET, LLC (HUNTING BEACH, CA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,408.50. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #042021-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. The Department is phasing in the system as stations are renovated/constructed or funds are available to have this technology installed in all 14 fire stations; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #042021, 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 June 28, 2021, is good through June 23, 2025. 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 a First-in Alerting Smart Station System from Westnet, LLC (Hunting Beach, CA) in the amount of \$109,408.50. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #042021-WNT. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Fire/EMS – Public Safety/LOST - Capital Expend/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 410 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

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