

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk and Tank Rentals for City Swimming Pools (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 23-0028
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the execution of an annual contract with nexAir, LLC (Memphis, TN) for the purchase of carbon dioxide in liquid bulk, and the rental of six (6) 750 lb tanks, for the estimated annual contract value of \$30,532.50.

The carbon dioxide liquid bulk will be provided on an “as needed” basis for use in City swimming pools. This carbon dioxide is a mild acid that will reduce and stabilize pH levels in the water.

The awarded vendor will also provide the rental of six (6) tanks for containment of the carbon dioxide liquid. Two tanks will be located at the indoor swimming pool at the Columbus Aquatics Center; and one each, of the remaining four tanks, will be located at the four outdoor pools. The initial contract period will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. The Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

Bid specifications were posted on the web page of DemandStar, the Purchasing Division, and the Georgia Procurement Registry. The original bid was due February 22, 2023, with only one (1) bid received. The Purchasing Division performed due diligence by contacting multiple vendors to encourage additional competition. Three other vendors responded with interest in bidding. Consequently, the bid was extended with a new due date of April 12, 2023. After the extended due date, the City still received only one bid

This bid has been advertised, opened, and reviewed. The bidder was:

	nexAir, LLC	
	(Memphis, TN)	
Delivery within 5 Days (Y/N)	Depends	
Available for Emergency Deliveries (Yes or No)	Yes	
<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>

Carbon Dioxide Liquid Bulk (45,000 Pounds) price per pound	\$0.4345	\$19,552.50
Tank Rental – two (2) Indoor (Annual Lease)	\$1,830.00	\$3,660.00
Tank Rental – four (4) Outdoor (Annual Lease)	\$1,830.00	\$7,320.00
CO2 Monitors	\$ included	\$ included
TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE		\$30,532.50

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Aquatics - Operating Materials; General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Aquatics Center – Operating Materials; 0101-270-4413-AQUT-6728, 0101-270-4414-NATA-6728.

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH NEXAIR, LLC (MEMPHIS, TN) FOR THE PURCHASE OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN LIQUID BULK AND THE RENTAL OF SIX (6) 750 LB TANKS FOR THE CITY SWIMMING POOLS FOR THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRACT VALUE OF \$30,532.50.

WHEREAS, the carbon dioxide liquid bulk will be provided on an “as needed” basis in City swimming pools. This carbon dioxide is a mild acid that will reduce and stabilize pH levels in the water; and,

WHEREAS, the awarded vendor will also provide the rental of six (6) tanks for containment of the carbon dioxide liquid. Two tanks will be located at the indoor swimming pool at the Columbus Aquatics Center; and one each, of the remaining four tanks, will be located at the four outdoor pools; and,

WHEREAS, the initial contract period will be for two (2) years, with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. The Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an annual contract with NexAir, LLC (Memphis, TN) for the purchase of carbon dioxide in liquid bulk and the rental of six (6) 750 lb tanks for the City swimming pools for the estimated annual contract value of \$30,532.50. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Aquatics – Operating Materials; General Fund – Parks & Recreation – Aquatics Center Operating Materials; 0101-270-4413-AQUT-6728, 0101-270-4414-NATA-6728.

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 Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor House voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____

Councilor Thomas voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor