

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Modernization of the Computer Fleet for Information Technology – NCPA Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of various computer equipment toward the modernization of the City’s computer fleet from Virtucom (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$345,168.94. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-97.

The CCG Information Technology Department will be modernizing the City’s computer fleet by replacing both laptops and desktops that are not recommended as Windows 11 compatible. This will increase the City’s cybersecurity posture. By upgrading to Windows 11, the City’s equipment would be functioning within Microsoft’s newest and most secure operating system across the entire fleet of computers. Maintaining up-to-date Windows 11 compatibility aligns with Multifactor Authentication, Maintaining Endpoint Detection and Response, Threat intelligence and brand management, and Enhanced Monitoring.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #18-19, initiated by NCPA, whereby TD Synnex was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Advanced Technology Solutions Aggregator. Virtucom is an authorized reseller for TD Synnex. The effective date of the contract began August 1, 2019, and will expire on July 31, 2024. NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) is a leading national government purchasing Cooperative working to reduce the cost of goods and services by leveraging the purchasing power of public agencies in all 50 states. The RFP process utilized by NCPA meets federal and local requirements per the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funding in the amount of \$343,673.57 is available in the FY23 Budget: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Revenue Recovery – Capital Expenditure – Over \$5,000 - Revenue Recovery - Cyber Security Upgrades; 0218-691-1300-ARRR-7761-40492-20230.

The remaining funding in the amount of \$1,495.37 is available in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Infrastructure Fund – Information Technology – Infrastructure/LOST - Computer Equipment – IT Storage, 0109 – 210 – 9901 – LOST – 7751 – 90001-20210.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TOWARD THE MODERNIZATION OF THE CITY’S COMPUTER FLEET FROM VIRTUCOM (NORCROSS, GA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$345,168.94. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA NCPA (NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE) CONTRACT #01-97.

WHEREAS, the CCG Information Technology Department will be modernizing the City’s computer fleet by replacing both laptops and desktops that are not recommended as Windows 11 compatible. This will increase the City’s cybersecurity posture. By upgrading to Windows 11, the City’s equipment would be functioning within Microsoft’s newest and most secure operating system across the entire fleet of computers. Maintaining up-to-date Windows 11 compatibility aligns with Multifactor Authentication, Maintaining Endpoint Detection and Response, Threat intelligence and brand management, and Enhanced Monitoring; and,

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase various computer equipment toward the modernization of the City’s computer fleet from Virtucom (Norcross, GA) in the amount of \$345,168.94. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via NCPA (National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance) Contract #01-97.

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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