

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Scheduling Software for METRA – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of scheduling software for METRA from Carahsoft Technology Corporation (Reston, VA) in the amount of \$393,314.45. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract # R191902.

METRA will use the scheduling software for Dial-A-Ride purposes. The software will provide significant benefits to Dial-A-Ride by enhancing operational efficiency as the ridership grows. The new software will improve the effectiveness of the paratransit services and enables automated scheduling.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #19-19 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby Carahsoft Technology Corporation was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Educational Software Solutions and Services. The contract, which commenced May 1, 2020, is good through April 30, 2025. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the Procurement Ordinance, Article 9- 101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Software Lease; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA – 6541.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PURCHASE OF SCHEDULING SOFTWARE FOR METRA FROM CARAHSOFT TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION (RESTON, VA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$393,314.45. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT # R191902.

WHEREAS, METRA will use the scheduling software for Dial-A-Ride purposes. The software will provide significant benefits to Dial-A-Ride by enhancing operational efficiency as the ridership grows. The new software will improve the effectiveness of the paratransit services and enables automated scheduling; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal #19-19 initiated by Omnia Partners (formerly known as National IPA), whereby Carahsoft Technology Corporation was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Educational Software Solutions and Services. The contract, which commenced May 1, 2020, is good through April 30, 2025. The contract available under Omnia Partners has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. OMNIA Partners, Public Sector is the premier purchasing organization for state and local government, K-12 education, colleges and universities. All contracts available have been competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a government entity serving as the lead agency while utilizing industry best practices and processes. With the most experienced team in cooperative procurement and supply chain management, OMNIA Partners, Public Sector has the expertise to help public organizations achieve their strategic goals. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, the 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 scheduling software for METRA from Carahsoft Technology Corporation (Reston, VA) in the amount of \$393,314.45. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract # R191902. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Transportation Fund – Transportation – FTA – Software Lease; 0751 – 610 – 2400 – MFTA – 6541.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____ day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____
- Councilor Anker voting _____
- Councilor Chambers voting _____
- Councilor Cogle voting _____
- Councilor Crabb voting _____
- Councilor Davis voting _____
- Councilor Garrett voting _____

Councilor Hickey voting _____
Councilor Huff voting _____
Councilor Tucker voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor