

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Firearms Examination Lab Management Software for Police Department – State Of Georgia/Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of Firearms Examination Management Software for the Police Department from Versaterm Public Safety (Meza, AZ) in the amount of \$66,357.76. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via State of Georgia/Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Contract #PE-47100-SS-2024-000000037. Additionally, approval is requested for future payments of the annual maintenance/license fees and software upgrades.

This software will allow the Police Department to track all activity being conducted through the lab, including the chain of custody of evidence. This particular software was chosen because Warner Robbins PD Firearms Lab is currently using this same software along with the GBI. The Police Department currently has an MOU with Warner Robbins to conduct peer review for them, and they will conduct peer review for the Columbus Police Department. This is required for accreditation and court purposes. Having the same software will allow the department to track the peer review and document it accordingly within the system, and they will be able to do the same. This is also the same software GBI Labs uses, and the District Attorney's Office is familiar with it, which will make the transition much smoother for court and prosecution purposes. This software will also be used to track fingerprints and Digital Forensic work as the department continues to grow the lab and become accredited in other areas outside of Firearms.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase utilizing State of Georgia/Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Contract #PE-47100-SS-2024-000000037.

Funds are available in the FY27 budget as follows:

Funding in the amount of \$39,950.00 is available in the General Fund – Police – Investigative Services – Other Purchased Services; 0101 – 400 – 3320 – INVS – 6699.

Funding in the amount of \$26,407.76 is available in the Vice/Special Operations Forfeiture Fund - Police – Intelligence/Vice – Operating Materials; 0225 – 400 – 2100 – VICE – 6728.

Funding will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years for the payment of the annual maintenance/license fees and software upgrades.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIREARMS EXAMINATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM VERSATERM PUBLIC SAFETY (MEZA, AZ) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,357.76. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA STATE OF GEORGIA/GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (GBI) CONTRACT #PE-47100-SS-2024-000000037. ADDITIONALLY, APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR FUTURE PAYMENTS OF THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE/LICENSE FEES AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, this software will allow the Police Department to track all activity being conducted through the lab, including the chain of custody of evidence. This particular software was chosen because Warner Robbins PD Firearms Lab is currently using this same software along with the GBI. The Police Department currently has an MOU with Warner Robbins to conduct peer review for them, and they will conduct peer review for the Columbus Police Department. This is required for accreditation and court purposes. Having the same software will allow the department to track the peer review and document it accordingly within the system, and they will be able to do the same. This is also the same software GBI Labs uses, and the District Attorney's Office is familiar with it, which will make the transition much smoother for court and prosecution purposes. This software will also be used to track fingerprints and Digital Forensic work as the department continues to grow the lab and become accredited in other areas outside of Firearms; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase utilizing State of Georgia/Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Contract #PE-47100-SS-2024-000000037.

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

That the City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase Firearms Examination Management Software for the Police Department from Versaterm Public Safety (Meza, AZ) in the amount of \$66,357.76. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via State of Georgia/Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Contract #PE-47100-SS-2024-000000037. The City Manager and/or his designee is further authorized to render payment for the annual maintenance/license fees and software upgrades. Funds are available in the FY27 budget as follows:

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____day
of_____, 2026 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of
_____members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Cook voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor