

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Firewall Upgrade for Information Technology – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of computer firewall upgrade (Palo Alto Networks) from CDW Government LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$359,899.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract # 081419-CDW. Additionally, it is requested that Council approve payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase.

The Information Technology Department is requesting an upgrade of the City’s enterprise-level data center firewalls to incorporate more up-to-date and cutting-edge Cybersecurity technologies. These new Cybersecurity technologies allow the devices to respond quickly to threat actors, malware, ransomware, and the various other constantly evolving malicious strategies cyber-criminals may take against the CCG.

This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #081419, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CDW Government LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Technology Catalog Solutions. The effective date of the contract began December 1, 2019, and will expire on October 10/30/24. The contract may be extended for an additional year at Sourcewell’s discretion. Sourcewell is a Service Cooperative created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21. This statute was created in 1978 and revised in 1995 to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funding for Year 1, in the amount of \$182,299 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.

Funding for Year 2: \$88,800.00 and year 3: \$88,800.00 will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years as follows: General Fund – Information Technology – Telephone, 0101 – 210 – 1000 – ISS – 6621 and LOST/Infrastructure – Information Technology – Infrastructure/LOST - Computer Equipment, 0109 – 210 – 9901 – LOST – 7751.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FIREWALL UPGRADE (PALO ALTO NETWORKS) FROM CDW GOVERNMENT LLC (VERNON HILLS, IL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$359,899.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT # 081419-CDW. ADDITIONALLY, THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES PAYMENTS FOR THE ONGOING LICENSE AND SUBSCRIPTION FEES AFTER THE INITIAL PURCHASE.

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department is requesting an upgrade of the City’s enterprise-level data center firewalls to incorporate more up-to-date and cutting-edge Cybersecurity technologies. These new Cybersecurity technologies allow the devices to respond quickly to threat actors, malware, ransomware, and the various other constantly evolving malicious strategies cyber-criminals may take against the CCG; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #081419, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby CDW Government LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Technology Catalog Solutions. The effective date of the contract began December 1, 2019, and will expire on October 10/30/24. The contract may be extended for an additional year at Sourcewell’s discretion. Sourcewell is a Service Cooperative created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21. This statute was created in 1978 and revised in 1995 to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Article 9-101 of the Procurement Ordinance.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase a computer firewall upgrade (Palo Alto Networks) from CDW Government LLC (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$359,899.00. The purchase will be accomplished by cooperative purchase via Sourcewell Contract # 081419-CDW. The City Manager is further authorized to make payments for the ongoing license and subscription fees after the initial purchase. Funding for Year 1, in the amount of \$182,299 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.

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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 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