

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Ambulances for Fire & EMS – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of three (3) ambulances from ETR/Emergency-Tactical-Rescue Vehicles (Sandford, FL) in the total amount of \$586,899.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #122123-RVG. The purchase consists of the following:

Vehicle Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Ford E-350 6.7L Wheeled Coach Ambulance	2	\$215,995.00	\$431,990.00
Ford Transit T350 HR Type II Ambulance	1	\$154,909.00	\$154,909.00
GRAND TOTAL	3		\$586,899.00

The decision to add new ambulances to the Fire & EMS fleet is a strategic investment to improve operational efficiency and reliability, directly addressing the critical issue of excessive downtime for maintenance and repair.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) 122123, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Wheeled Coach (Winter Park, FL) was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service Vehicles. ETR/Emergency-Tactical-Rescue Vehicles (Sandford, FL) is an authorized dealer for Wheeled Coach. The contract, which commenced March 3, 2024, is good through February 28, 2028. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funding in the amount of \$60,626.63 is available in the FY26 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Heavy Trucks - Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment – Fire/EMS; 0567 – 696 – 3111 - STPS – 7723 – 54152-**20250**.

Funding in the amount of \$526,272.37 is available in the FY26 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Heavy Trucks - Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment – Fire/EMS; 0567 – 696 – 3111 - STPS – 7723 – 54152-**20260**.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) AMBULANCES FROM ETR/EMERGENCY-TACTICAL-RESCUE VEHICLES (SANDFORD, FL) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$586,899.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT #122123-RVG. THE PURCHASE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
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WHEREAS, the decision to add new ambulances to the Fire & EMS fleet is a strategic investment to improve operational efficiency and reliability, directly addressing the critical issue of excessive downtime for maintenance and repair; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) 122123, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Wheeled Coach (Winter Park, FL) was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service Vehicles. ETR/Emergency-Tactical-Rescue Vehicles (Sandford, FL) is an authorized dealer for Wheeled Coach. The contract, which commenced March 3, 2024, is good through February 28, 2028. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the City’s Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase three (3) ambulances from ETR/Emergency-Tactical-Rescue Vehicles (Sandford, FL) in the total amount of \$586,899.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #122123-RVG. The purchase consists of the following:

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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 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