

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Election Equipment, Supplies and Services
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve a resolution to expend the appropriated funds to Knowink, LLC (St Louis, MO), for the provision of election equipment, supplies and services for the estimated amount of \$150,000 per year. The funds expended each fiscal year is contingent upon the number of elections required to be held.

In 2001, the State of Georgia mandated a uniform voting system for all counties in the state. The requirement for uniformity is still in effect. Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., was the successful vendor awarded the contract, per the State of Georgia, RFP No. 47800-SOS0000037, released March 16, 2019. to provide maintenance and support services for the election management software and equipment. Knowink partnered with Dominion Voting Systems to provide Voting Equipment, Poll Pads, as well as, printing and mail processing for precinct cards.

Knowink, partnering with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., is contracted to provide the uniform voting system for the State of Georgia. Therefore, the vendor is considered the only known source.

Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Boards & Commissions – Elections & Registration – Boards of Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101 – 290 – 2000 -ELCT - 6355.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO EXPEND THE APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO KNOWINK, LLC (ST LOUIS, MO), FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$150,000 PER YEAR. THE FUNDS EXPENDED EACH FISCAL YEAR IS CONTINGENT UPON THE NUMBER OF ELECTIONS REQUIRED TO BE HELD.

WHEREAS, in 2001, the State of Georgia mandated a uniform voting system for all counties in the state. The requirement for uniformity is still in effect. Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., was the successful vendor awarded the contract, per the State of Georgia, RFP No. 47800-SOS0000037, released March 16, 2019. to provide maintenance and support services for the election management software and equipment; and,

WEHREAS, Knowink partnered with Dominion Voting Systems to provide Voting Equipment, Poll Pads, as well as, printing and mail processing for precinct cards; and,

WHEREAS, Knowink, partnering with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc., is contracted to provide the uniform voting system for the State of Georgia. Therefore, the vendor is considered the only known source.

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

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to expend the appropriated funds to Knowink, LLC (St Louis, MO), for the provision of election equipment, supplies and services for the estimated amount of \$150,000 per year. The funds expended each fiscal year is contingent upon the number of elections required to be held. Funds are budgeted each fiscal year for this on-going expense: General Fund – Boards & Commissions – Elections & Registration – Boards of Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101 – 290 – 2000 – ELCT - 6355.

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