

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Virtual Academy Training for the Police Department
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of a five-year virtual academy training agreement, for the Police Department, from Savant Learning Systems, Inc. (Martin, TN), in the amount of \$88,000.00, with the following payment schedule: Year One - \$16,400.00; Year Two - \$17,900.00; Year Three - \$17,900; Year Four - \$17,900.00; Year Five - \$17,900.00.

The virtual training academy will provide the Police Department the following:

- Training content consisting of 270+ hours of training and training catalog that is continuously growing and being updated.
- Direct reporting, when applicable to the Georgia POST
- Technical support with 24/7 coverage and access to any user on the Virtual Academy Platform
- Roll Call Training
- Certification Tracking

Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (Georgia POST) administers the regulatory process, sets the standards for training and certification, and provides essential technical assistance to the law enforcement community. Virtual Academy’s training platform has been approved for officer in-service training in the State of Georgia. Virtual Academy has also been granted direct reporting access to the GA POST Data Gateway for all training completed by certified Georgia officers. Consequently, the vendor is deemed an only known source in accordance with the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114 and Federal CFR 200.320 (c)(2)(4).

Funding for the first 2 years is budgeted in the FY24 Budget as: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety H&W– Mental Health Intervention Training/Services; 0218 – 691 – 1000 – ARPS – 40305-20230. Funding for Years 3 - 5 payments will be budgeted in OLOST- Public Safety in the appropriate fiscal years.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FIVE-YEAR VIRTUAL ACADEMY TRAINING AGREEMENT, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FROM SAVANT LEARNING SYSTEMS, INC. (MARTIN, TN), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,000.00, WITH THE FOLLOWING PAYMENT SCHEDULE: YEAR ONE - \$16,400.00; YEAR TWO - \$17,900.00; YEAR THREE - \$17,900; YEAR FOUR - \$17,900.00; YEAR FIVE - \$17,900.00.**

**WHEREAS**, the virtual training academy will provide the Police Department the following:

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- Roll Call Training
- Certification Tracking; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (Georgia POST) administers the regulatory process, sets the standards for training and certification, and provides essential technical assistance to the law enforcement community. Virtual Academy’s training platform has been approved for officer in-service training in the State of Georgia. Virtual Academy has also been granted direct reporting access to the GA POST Data Gateway for all training completed by certified Georgia officers. Consequently, the vendor is deemed an only known source in accordance with the City’s Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114 and Federal CFR 200.320 (c)(2)(4).

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase a five-year virtual academy training agreement, for the Police Department, from Savant Learning Systems, Inc. (Martin, TN), in the amount of \$88,000.00, with the following payment schedule: Year One - \$16,400.00; Year Two - \$17,900.00; Year Three - \$17,900; Year Four - \$17,900.00; Year Five - \$17,900.00. Funding for the first 2 years is budgeted in the FY24 Budget as: American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Fund – Federal ARP – Federal Public Health & Safety H&W– Mental Health Intervention Training/Services; 0218 – 691 – 1000 – ARPS – 40305-20230. Funding for Years 3 - 5 payments will be budgeted in OLOST- Public Safety in the appropriate fiscal years.

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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 Begly voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor