

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Purchase of Bomb Suit with Helmet and Accessories for the Police Department/Office of Homeland Security
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of one (1) EOD10 Bomb suit with helmet and accessories from MED-ENG, LLC (Ogdensburg, NY) in the amount of \$33,043.00. Approval is also requested to purchase an additional Bomb suit with helmet and accessories, at approximately \$33,043.00, if additional grant funds become available.

The bomb suit will be worn by bomb technicians of the Office of Homeland Security. The EOD 10 Bomb Suit is a full body suit of armor, with a helmet that protects a bomb technician from blast and fragmentation should a detonation occur while performing duties on a suspicious package or any type of explosive related threat.

Just as traditional body armor worn by patrol officers, has an expiration date, the bomb suit is made of mostly Kevlar which degrades over time and has an expiration date. Recently, it was revealed that all the bomb suits utilized by Homeland Security had expired and did not meet specifications. Consequently, in December, Council approved the purchase of one bomb suit, per Resolution #405-19 via a Homeland Security grant. As a result, the squad has one suit that is within specifications and has not expired. The purchase of this additional suit, and tentative purchase of the other bomb suit (if grant funds become available), will ensure the squad has enough bomb suits within specifications and up to date.

Per Resolution #362-05, Resolution #391-09 and the recent Resolution #405-19, the City purchased bomb suits from MED-ENG Systems. The new bomb suit will be compatible with the current equipment because the helmets and breathing apparatus visors are interchangeable. Therefore, MED-ENG is considered the only known source for this purchase, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Finance – FY19 EBM Justice Assistance Grant – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0216 – 200 – 4123 – LLEG – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) EOD10 BOMB SUIT WITH HELMET AND ACCESSORIES FROM MED-ENG, LLC (OGDENSBURG, NY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,043.00. APPROVAL IS ALSO REQUESTED TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL BOMB SUIT WITH HELMET AND ACCESSORIES, AT APPROXIMATELY \$33,043.00, IF ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.

WHEREAS, the bomb suit will be worn by bomb technicians of the Office of Homeland Security. The EOD 10 Bomb Suit is a full body suit of armor, with a helmet that protects a bomb technician from blast and fragmentation should a detonation occur while performing duties on a suspicious package or any type of explosive related threat; and,

WHEREAS, just as traditional body armor worn by patrol officers, has an expiration date, the bomb suit is made of mostly Kevlar which degrades over time and has an expiration date. Recently, it was revealed that all the bomb suits utilized by Homeland Security had expired and did not meet specifications. Consequently, in December, Council approved the purchase of one bomb suit, per Resolution #405-19 via a Homeland Security grant. As a result, the squad has one suit that is within specifications and has not expired. The purchase of this additional suit, and tentative purchase of the other bomb suit (if grant funds become available), will ensure the squad has enough bomb suits within specifications and up to date; and,

WHEREAS, per Resolution #362-05, Resolution #391-09 and the recent Resolution #405-19, the City purchased bomb suits from MED-ENG Systems. The new bomb suit will be compatible with the current equipment because the helmets and breathing apparatus visors are interchangeable. Therefore, MED-ENG is considered the only known source for this purchase, per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) EOD10 Bomb suit with helmet and accessories from MED-ENG, LLC (Ogdensburg, NY) in the amount of \$33,043.00. The City Manager is further authorized to purchase an additional Bomb suit with helmet and accessories, at approximately \$33,043.00, if additional grant funds become available. Funds are budgeted in the FY20 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Finance – FY19 EBM Justice Assistance Grant – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0216 – 200 – 4123 – LLEG – 7761.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Thompson voting _____.
- Councilor Woodson voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor