

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Breathing Apparatus for the Fire and EMS Department (Annual Contract) – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve an annual contract for the purchase of Breathing Apparatus from MSA Safety Sales, LLC (Cranberry Township, PA), on an “as needed” basis for the Columbus Fire and EMS Department, via Sourcewell Contract #011824-MSS. Based on prior years usage, the Fire and EMS Department spends approximately \$250,847.00, annually, for breathing apparatus.

The vendor shall provide Columbus Fire and EMS Department personnel with self-contained breathing apparatus with mask-mounted regulators, stealth cylinders, and replacement parts. The equipment will be used by Fire and EMS staff when entering burning structures.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #011824, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby MSA Safety LLC., was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Safety and personal protection equipment with related Services. The contract, which commenced June 17, 2024, is good through March 28, 2028, with an option for one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. 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.

Funds are available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund - Fire & EMS – Operations – Operating Materials; 0101-410-2100-FOPR-6728 and/or LOST/Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102-410-9900-LOST-7762.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BREATHING APPARATUS FROM MSA SAFETY SALES, LLC. (CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA), ON AN “AS NEEDED” BASIS FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT, VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #011824-MSS. BASED ON PRIOR YEARS USAGE, THE FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT SPENDS APPROXIMATELY \$250,847.00, ANNUALLY, FOR BREATHING APPARATUS.**

**WHEREAS**, the vendor shall provide Columbus Fire and EMS Department personnel with self-contained breathing apparatus with mask-mounted regulators, stealth cylinders, and replacement parts. The equipment will be used by Fire and EMS staff when entering burning structures.

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #0011824, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby MSA Safety LLC., was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Safety and personal protection equipment with related Services. The contract, which commenced June 17, 2024, is good through March 28, 2028, with an option for one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier. 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 City Manager and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase Breathing Apparatus from MSA Safety Sales, LLC (Cranberry Township, PA), on an “as needed” basis for the Columbus Fire and EMS Department, via Sourcewell Contract #011824-MSS. The Fire and EMS Department spends approximately \$250,847.00 annually, based on prior years usage. Funds are available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund - Fire & EMS – Operations – Operating Materials; 0101-410-2100-FOPR-6728 or LOST/Public Safety Fund – Fire & EMS – Public Safety/LOST – Other Equipment; 0102-410-9900-LOST-7762.

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 _____

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Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

