

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>FURNITURE FOR THE COLUMBUS FIRE &amp; EMS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY – COOPERATIVE PURCHASE</b>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of furniture from Office Depot – Workspace Interiors (Austin, TX), in the amount of \$36,465.38, by Cooperative Purchase, via Omnia Partners Contract #R191812.

The Columbus Consolidated Government’s EOC (Emergency Operations Center) needs a complete upgrade. The EOC is located in the basement of the Public Safety Center and has been in this location since the building was constructed in 1996.

The EOC is a multi-agency coordination center which is intended to be used primarily by Emergency Management & Homeland Security. However, the EOC is available and has been used by Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire & EMS, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office and more during times of disaster, large events, exercises and even the possibility of civil unrest. The intent of the EOC is to allow for multiple agencies to come together and coordinate the response to any incident that may strain the resources of the city.

The current layout of the EOC only allows for eight users at any given time, which is not an effective utilization of the space provided. Although size is limited, the EOC is approximately 1,300 square feet of space located in the basement which adds protection from outside severe weather and threats.

The 20-year-old furniture will be reassigned to the Training Division of the Columbus Fire & EMS and the new furniture installed in the EOC. The new proposed layout of the EOC includes 28 user stations (311% increase in usable space) with connections for power and audio visual to compliment the future technology upgrades. The technology upgrades are currently being advertised via an RFP process.

The plans for the EOC include more effective use of the space by Emergency Management & Homeland Security as well as much more capability afforded to Columbus Fire & EMS, Columbus Police Department, Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, FEMA and more. *(See attachment below of current and proposed layout)*



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This purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchasing via Request for Proposal (RFP) #19-18, initiated by Omnia Partners, whereby Office Depot was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Furniture Installation and Related Service, per Contract # R191812. The contract period is from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022, with option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods through June 30, 2024. OMNIA Partners is the cooperative purchasing organization, whereby government agencies can utilize competitively solicited contracts to help save time and resources while still meeting purchasing requirements. All cooperative purchasing contracts from OMNIA Partners have been competitively solicited by a lead public agency and meet our rigorous cooperative standards and supplier commitments. The RFP process utilized by Omnia Partners meets the requirements of the City's Procurement Ordinance; additionally, cooperative purchasing is authorized per Section 3-118 of the Procurement Ordinance.

Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Finance – 20 EBM Justice Assistance Grant - Capital Expend - Under \$5,000; 0216-200-4125-LLEG-7763.

**A RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE FROM OFFICE DEPOT – WORKSPACE INTERIORS (AUSTIN, TX), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,465.38, BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE, VIA OMNIA PARTNERS CONTRACT #R191812.**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Consolidated Government’s EOC (Emergency Operations Center) needs a complete upgrade. The EOC is located in the basement of the Public Safety Center and has been in this location since the building was constructed in 1996; and,

**WHEREAS**, the EOC is a multi-agency coordination center which is intended to be used primarily by Emergency Management & Homeland Security. However, the EOC is available and has been used by Columbus Police Department, Columbus Fire & EMS, the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office and more during times of disaster, large events, exercises and even the possibility of civil unrest. The intent of the EOC is to allow for multiple agencies to come together and coordinate the response to any incident that may strain the resources of the city. The current layout of the EOC only allows for eight users at any given time, which is not an effective utilization of the space provided. Although size is limited, the EOC is approximately 1,300 square feet of space located in the basement which adds protection from outside severe weather and threats; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 20-year-old furniture will be reassigned to the Training Division of the Columbus Fire & EMS and the new furniture installed in the EOC. The new proposed layout of the EOC includes 28 user stations (311% increase in usable space) with connections for power and audio visual to compliment the future technology upgrades. The technology upgrades are currently being advertised via an RFP process. The plans for the EOC include more effective use of the space by Emergency Management & Homeland Security as well as much more capability afforded to Columbus Fire & EMS, Columbus Police Department, Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, FEMA and more.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase furniture from Office Depot – Workspace Interiors (Austin, TX), in the amount of \$36,465.38, by Cooperative Purchase, via Omnia Partners Contract #R191812. Funds are budgeted in the FY21 Budget: Multi-Government Project Fund – Finance – 20 EBM Justice Assistance Grant - Capital Expend - Under \$5,000; 0216-200-4125-LLEG-7763.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 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 Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor