



## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Keith R. Sydnor  
Council President James Kole  
Laurel City Councilmembers

VIA: Joanne H. Barr, Deputy City Administrator *JHB*

FROM: James A. Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology

SUBJ: **RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE 70 POLICE TOUGHBOOKS AND  
IN-CAR DOCKING EQUIPMENT**

The Department of Information Technology is working with the Laurel Police Department to upgrade their fleet of laptops. These laptops are used both in the office and in the field for police dispatch, writing reports, court appearances, research, training, crime scene analytics, and much more.

The current fleet of laptops was purchased in 2019, with the expectation that they would need to be replaced after 5 years. As Windows 10 is scheduled to lose support in 2025 and the current laptops do not support Windows 11, we cannot delay this replacement.

We will continue to deploy Panasonic Toughbooks, ruggedized laptops ready to withstand the hazards of field deployment. The new FZ-40 model returns to an attached keyboard design that will make them more useful in courtroom and training settings. This model also comes equipped with integrated GPS, cellular internet, and gloved-touch-compatible touchscreen, all of which will increase the ability operate in any setting.

This purchase includes vehicle upfitting for the new docking stations, as well as service and maintenance warranty coverage for 5 years, and asset monitoring and theft protection software for 5 years.

### FUNDING:

The total cost of this purchase will be \$508,490.00. The vendor is Frontline Mobile Tech of Jessup, MD. All Panasonic Toughbook, accessories, and warranty pricing are in

accordance with GSA Schedule 70 #47QTCA19D00MM. Funding for this purchase is in the Adopted FY2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the Department of Information Technology that the Council approve the purchase of 70 Toughbook FZ-40 laptops and related accessories, warranties, and installation services from Frontline Mobile Tech of Jessup MD for the total price of \$508,490.00.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at extension 2240.

Approved by:

 S. Michele Saylor, Director Department of Budget and Personnel Services	<u>3/19/2024</u> Date
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cc: Sara A. Green, CMC, Clerk to the City Council  
Christian L. Pulley, CPM, City Administrator  
S. Michele Saylor, Director, Budget & Personnel Services