

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 436



Approved November 13, 2024

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Columbia Southern University
(Fire Department)

\$18,000.00

IN CITY COUNCIL
NOV 07 2024
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 11/13/24



OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR
City of Providence

October 2, 2024

Ms. Tina Mastroianni
City Clerk's Office
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Tina:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract award be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

- **Fire Department**
 - Requests Approval to Pay **Municipal Emergency Services, Inc** for Matex Fire Hose in the amount of **\$19,461.60** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).
 - Requests Approval to Pay **Columbia Southern University** for 2024 Chief Officer Field Training Academy and Fire Officer Online Training in a total amount not to exceed **\$18,000.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).
 - Requests Approval to Pay **Ready Rack** for Extractor Parts and Installations in the amount of **\$66,600.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).
- **Police Department**
 - Requesting Approval to Pay **Sirchie Vehicles** for a SPAR 500 Evidence Collection Vehicle in the amount of **\$186,300.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).
 - Requesting Approval to Pay **McGovern Municipal HQ** for Animal Control Compartment, Transportation and Handling for a total cost not to exceed **\$33,540.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (2).

- **Department of Public Works**
 - Requesting Approval to Piggyback **United Rentals** for the Rental of 15 Snowplow Trucks with Spreaders in an amount of **\$718,305.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1).
- **Department of Public Property**
 - Requesting Approval of a Change Order to General Contractor for Phase III of PPSD 21st Century Medical Center Renovations with **Mill City Construction, Inc** in the amount of **\$524,534.37** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (4).
 - Requesting Approval of a Change Order to Design Build (DB) Services for Renovations at Hope High School, Phase II with **Maron Construction** in the amount of **\$1,838,874.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (4).
 - Requesting a Change Order to General Contractor for Pleasant View Elementary School with **Maron Construction** in the amount of **\$4,565,363.27** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (4).

Sincerely,



Gina M. Costa
Internal Auditor

Cc: Derek Silva, Fire Chief
Oscar Perez, Police Chief
John Arzoomanian, Department of Public Property
Patricia Coyne-Faye, Director of Public Works
Alejandro Tirado, Director of Purchasing
Shomari Husband City Treasurer

BRETT P. SMILEY
Mayor



DEREK M. SILVA
Chief of Department

Department of Public Safety, Fire Department
"Building Pride in Providence"

September 24, 2024

The Honorable Brett P. Smiley
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Requesting Approval to Pay Columbia Southern University for the 2024 Chief Officer Field Training Academy and Fire Officer Online Training

ID#: 47181

Minority Participation: 0%MBE, 0%WBE

Account: 101-303-52700
Amount: \$18,000

Dear Mayor Smiley:

The Providence Fire Department Requests Approval to Pay Columbia Southern University for the 2024 Chief Officer Field Training Academy and Fire Officer Online Training in a total amount not to exceed \$18,000 for FY 2025.

This program is offered as part of the Department's Leadership Development Program. Columbia Southern University is the only provider of the Chiefs Lasky and Salka's program, Chief Officer Field Training Academy, which is a vital part of our Leadership Development Program for new Chief officers and captains. Additionally, this vendor is the only program that is fully online and offers International Fire Services Accreditation Congress (IFSCAC) certification upon completion of NFPA Courses.

Chiefs Laska and Salka's program, Chief Officer Field Training Academy, is designed for new, current, and aspiring chief officers. The two-day academy is important in person, on location training, and Columbia Southern University is the sole facilitator of this program. The Rhode Island Fire Academy, Massachusetts Fire Academy, and Connecticut Fire Academy do not offer this program. There is no option to participate in this academy via online learning. The Company Officer Level 2 class meets NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications Level 2.

Our decision to utilize Columbia Southern University is it is the only choice that meets our program goals. Columbia Southern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The Chief Officer Field Training Academy offered through Columbia Southern University is an essential part of our new Leadership Development Program, and necessary to provide our current and future chiefs and captains with important leadership training.

Columbia Southern University
Continuing Education Department
21982 University Lane
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Respectfully submitted,

Derek M. Silva
Chief of Department

Finance Approval

Enc.

Public Safety Complex | 325 Washington Street | Providence, RI 02903
401-243-6060 phone | 401-243-6487 fax



COLUMBIA
SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY

April 17, 2024

To:	Providence Fire Department 325 Washington Street Providence, RI 02903	From:	Attn: Robin Cooke Columbia Southern University 21982 University Lane - Building B Orange Beach, AL 36561 *Remit to Address above*
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Registration Number: NUMBER			
Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
60	2024 Chief Officer Field Training Academy- Providence, RI	\$265.00	\$15,900.00
	Learning Partner, Student, Alumni Rate		
		Subtotal	\$15,900.00
		Sales Tax	\$0.00
		Total	\$15,900.00

Make all checks payable to Columbia Southern University and include copy of this invoice with payment.

Terms for Payments, Cancellations, Refunds, and Substitutions

All registration fees must be paid prior to the start of the event. Failure to pay by this time period will result in the forfeiture of your registration. You may re-register as long as enrollment is still available.

Cancellations must be made up to 30 days before the event start date. Columbia Southern University will refund half your paid tuition in this time frame. Any cancellations made less than 30 days of the event start date is nonrefundable. Full refunds will be given at Columbia Southern University's discretion. Any refund issued will be done by the same method of tuition payment.

*Documentation may be required for cancellation.

Columbia Southern University reserves the right to cancel any event that does not meet the minimum enrollment requirements. Should this occur, we will call registered participants to reschedule. If the alternative event is not convenient for you, a full refund will be issued. Columbia Southern University's liability is solely limited to refunding of event tuition payments.

Substitutions may be made up to one week of the event start date. The substitute must meet the specific qualifications of the event in order to attend. The participant, or representative, is responsible for providing Columbia Southern University with the substitute's information.

Any event hosted or sponsored by Columbia Southern University is subject to change. This includes -but is not limited to- the event facility, agenda, and instructors /presenters. If applicable, participants will be notified of changes before event start date.
*Please contact ContinuingEd@columbiasouthern.edu if you have any questions about these terms.



COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

COURSE TUITION QUOTE

September 23, 2024

To: Providence Fire Department
Division of Training
Attn: Felix Ramos Jr., Chief of Training
274 Reservoir Ave.
Providence, RI 02907

From: Continuing Education Department
Columbia Southern University
Federal ID #30-0711910
21982 University Lane
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Enrollments	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
6	CE 1004 - Fire Officer II Online Course Tuition	\$350.00	\$2,100.00
		Subtotal	\$2,100.00
		Sales Tax	\$0.00
		Total	\$2,100.00

Quote is valid for 60 days.

The Providence Fire Department is requesting a purchase order in the amount of \$2,100 to Columbia Southern University for their Company Officer Level 2 class, as part of the department's Leadership Development Program. Columbia Southern University is the only provider of the courses we require for this program that is fully online and offers International Fire Services Accreditation Congress (IFSCAC) certification upon completion of its NFPA courses.

This Company Officer Level 2 class meets *NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications*. The Rhode Island Fire Academy does not offer NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications Level 2 at this time, and none of the regional pro-board accredited agencies offer online learning as an option.

Our decision to utilize Columbia Southern University is it is the only choice that meets our program goals. Columbia Southern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and provides a pathway to the IFSCAC (International Fire Services Accreditation Congress) certification for NFPA course completion. The Company Officer Level 2 class, as part of our Leadership Development Program, will allow the ability for our members to earn this important certification in an online learning format at their own pace and their own time.

The Providence Fire Department is requesting a purchase order in the amount of \$15,900 to Columbia Southern University for a program offered as part of the Department's Leadership Development Program. Columbia Southern University is the only provider of the Chiefs Laska and Salka's program, Chief Officer Field Training Academy, which is a vital part of our Leadership Development Program for new Chief officers and captains.

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