

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-431
AUGUST 18, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM FROM A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM H. MOULDER CHIEF OF POLICE

SYNOPSIS —

The City of Des Moines has contracted with the Federal government to participate in a Department of Justice Law Enforcement Block Grant. The equipment list incorporated in this grant contains an Automated Fingerprint Identification workstation, which must be connected to the State of Iowa system to become operational. This can only be accomplished by purchasing the same kind of equipment owned by the State. A sole source purchase for this amount of money requires Council approval.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The system cost is \$112,000. To be purchased with grant money from the 1996 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

On May 5, 1997, the City Council gave final approval to accept proposals submitted by the Police Department in conjunction with non-binding recommendations of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board. The Board and the Police Department worked together to create an equipment list which would be purchased by the current Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Part of the equipment proposed was a new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) workstation, which would be connected to the State AFIS System located in the Wallace Building here in Des Moines. The State Director of the DCI and his operational staff informed the City that no connectivity between the workstation and the State system can be accomplished unless the City purchases equipment compatible with the State's. The State's system is manufactured by Printrak International, Inc. The State's equipment was obtained by competitive bid and has been installed for several years. Printrak's software protocols and equipment is the only way of accomplishing the necessary link. The Police Department wants to finalize the purchase of this equipment and complete the installation as soon as possible.