

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-513

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

NOVEMBER 16, 1998

SUBJECT:

BOMB PROTECTION SUIT

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM MOULDER
CHIEF OF POLICE

The Police Department prepared bid specifications to purchase a bomb protection suit with an integrated wireless communications system. The Purchasing Department mailed bid specifications to nine vendors and received only two responses. One vendor advised they did not carry bomb suits and the other was from Med-Eng Inc. of Ontario, Canada. The Police Department reviewed and is recommending acceptance of the bid provided from Med-Eng Inc., for a bomb protection suit, search light, hand protection, and wireless communications system at a cost of \$18,750 dollars.

FISCAL IMPACT -

The bomb protection suit with an integrated wireless communications system is to be funded as part of the Police Department's 1997 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The Police Department Bomb Squad has an older generation bomb protection suit, without communications capabilities. The Police Department identified a need to upgrade to a newer style bomb protection suit with an integrated wireless communications system.

The City submitted an application for the 1997 Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program, with Roll Call No. 97-2086, to fund the purchase of equipment and technology. The grant award was accepted by City Council with Roll Call No. 97-3733.

The bomb protection suit was submitted for funding consideration as part of the 1997 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. The proposal was reviewed by the City Council appointed Advisory Board. A formal presentation was made during a Public Hearing convened by the Advisory Board, and their final report was accepted by the City Council at their December 22, 1997 meeting with Roll Call No. 97-4024.