

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**99-021**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

JANUARY 25, 1999

**SUBJECT:**

PURCHASE OF  
LIVESCAN  
FINGERPRINT AND  
MUG SHOT SYSTEM  
FROM A SINGLE  
SOURCE VENDOR

In cooperation with the State of Iowa, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), the Police Department desires to purchase an automated electronic fingerprint system that will be connected to the State Crime Lab fingerprint database. This can only be accomplished by purchasing the same kind of equipment currently being utilized by the State Lab. A sole source purchase for this amount of money requires Council approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The cost of this system is \$143,050. The funding breakdown is as follows:

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE**

- Governor's Alliance on Substance Abuse Grant #98C115B2G - \$101,625
- City Information Technology Budget - \$33,875
- City of Des Moines Seized Funds - \$7,550

**SUBMITTED BY:**

WILLIAM MOULDER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

For several years, the Iowa Department of Public Safety has been building a data network with the express purpose of providing convenient and easy access of pertinent information to government law enforcement agencies. The ability to identify suspects quickly and easily throughout the state of Iowa is a major enhancement of the Criminal Justice System.

This equipment will enable the Police Department to

electronically capture and forward fingerprints and mug shots of prisoners to the State DCI.

The Police Department desires to participate in the sharing of fingerprint information with the State. The State DCI director and his staff have confirmed that no data connectivity between the City and the State can be accomplished unless the City purchases equipment compatible with the State's existing system. The State's equipment was obtained by competitive bid and has been installed for several years.

The State's system is manufactured by Printrak International, Inc. Printrak's software protocols and equipment is the only way of accomplishing the necessary connectivity. The Police Department desires to finalize the purchase of this equipment and complete the installation as soon as possible.