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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-054

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

AGENDA:

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

SUBJECT:

CONTRACT FOR
UNIFORM CLOTHING
FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT
PERSONNEL

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

SUBMITTED BY:

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS -

Award and approval of contract between Carpenter Uniform Company, (Bob Carpenter, Owner, 205 12th Street, Des Moines, IA) and the City to provide uniform clothing for fire department personnel.

FISCAL IMPACT -

The estimated annual cost of the contract is \$60,000 annually. Approximate costs in Fiscal Year (FY) 99 were \$62,000 and FY00 was \$59,000.

RECOMMENDATION -

APPROVAL.

BACKGROUND -

In February 1998, Carpenter Uniform Company was awarded a contract to provide uniform clothing to Fire Department personnel. This contract provided for clothing, alterations and sizing. Because of the volume of clothing purchased annually, it is essential that the vendor be located in the Des Moines metro area for easy accessibility. It is also essential that the vendor be able to maintain an inventory of contract items as well as having in-house alteration services.

In the past, Des Moines was served with two uniform clothing vendors, Carpenter Uniform Company and Metro Uniforms. In 2000, Metro Uniforms was purchased by Carpenter Uniform Company leaving only one major public safety uniform supplier in the local area.

Clothing specifications were sent to various vendors in the Des

Moines area, but only Carpenter responded with a bid. A review of the bid finds an overall increase of 11 percent from the 1998 bid, well within the increase allowed by the City Purchasing Department. Carpenter Uniform Company did not raise rates on any contracted items in 1999 and 2000, the last two years of their contract.

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