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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

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

01-560

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

NOVEMBER 5, 2001

The Fire Department is requesting permission to proceed with its annual purchase of fire fighting equipment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-02.

SUBJECT:

FIRE FIGHTING
EQUIPMENT
PURCHASE

FISCAL IMPACT -

The total expenditure requested for this purchase is \$80,536. Appropriations have been approved by City Council in the Fire Department FY2001-02 Operating Budget.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Authorization for the City Manager to direct the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase of the requested equipment from the successful low compliant bidder(s).

SUBMITTED BY:

RON WAKEHAM
FIRE CHIEF

BACKGROUND -

The Fire Department replaces equipment on an annual basis to replace items that are out-of-date, no longer compliant with industry standards, or have been damaged beyond repair at emergency scenes. For example, the 60 Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles requested are replacements for over 100 bottles that were required to be removed from service because the expiration dates had been reached.

The unit prices for the eight SCBA are \$42 less than the bid received one year ago. Bids on the equipment were received from two vendors with no response from six vendors who have historically bid on Fire Department equipment.

Only one bid was received on the Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) SCBA equipment though the specifications are mostly unchanged

from one year ago. Having only one bidder for this equipment may be due to rumored restructuring in the fire equipment industry and change of ownership occurring in some of the bidding vendors.
