CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

03-561

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 8, 2003

SUBJECT:

PURCHASE OF RIGID FRAME MASS DECONTAMINATION SHELTERS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

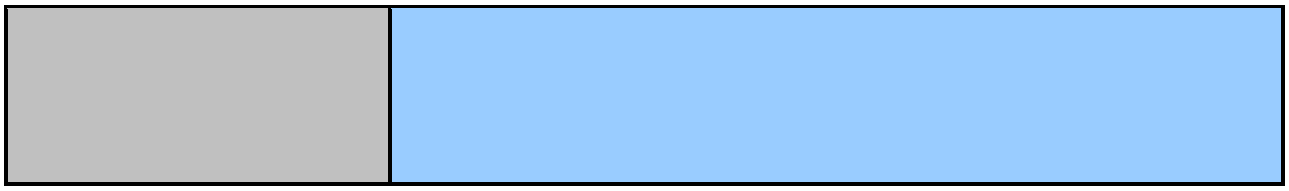
The Fire Department is requesting authorization to purchase four Decontamination Shelters with associated equipment from Grainger Industrial Supply (1811 East Sheridan, Des Moines). Grainger is the lowest bidder (nine sent – three received).

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total cost for the purchase of these shelters is $72,639.88. Funding is approved and funds are available in the Metropolitan Medical Response System Grant (Fund Code SP750, Organization FIR970002, Account 544030).

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The federal grant that supports the Des Moines Metropolitan Medical Response System designates funds to enhance coordination among response agencies, supplement existing emergency response capabilities, and develop a comprehensive response plan to manage a public health crisis or multiple or mass casualty event, especially involving weapons of mass destruction. A critical element of this response is the capability to decontaminate a large number of people who have been exposed, or potentially been exposed, to hazardous chemical, biological, or radiological substances. The Reeves #001-6XB1 Drash Rigid Frame Decontamination Shelter was specified for this purchase in order to comply with the standard that has been established for this type of equipment by the Des Moines Fire Department for its Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Teams. The Polk County Medical Examiner and the American Red Cross will each receive one of these shelters. Two shelters will be deployed to the Polk County EMS Association and become part of the equipment stored on each of the two Multiple/Mass Casualty Equipment and Supply Cache trailers.