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GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT—

Purchase Replacement Computers for Fire Department Vehicles

SYNOPSIS—

The Des Moines Fire Department has requested the Purchasing Division to order forty-six Panasonic CF-29 Toughbook laptop computers, forty-six toughbook Permanent Display Removal Computer (PDRC) and extended warranty to replace existing computers in the Fire Department vehicles. All items are available from Tough Solutions, 39 Park Place, Suite 300, Appleton, WI 54914, Michael R. Seis, President, per State of Iowa Contract CT2940MV.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The total cost of this purchase is \$292,284.00. There is \$1,300,000 of CIP funding available (Municipal Improvements—Police and Fire Radio System Improvement: CP034 POL990000 BLD079) that was not paid to the previous vendor.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On July 6, 2005, by Roll Call No. 05-1604, the City Council instructed the City Manager and staff to create a Request for Proposals to locate and solicit responses from qualified mobile data vendors. This vendor would provide an infrastructure for the uncompleted public safety communications mobile data

system. City staff, with the assistance of the City's communication consultant, RCC Communication Consultants, distributed a Request for Proposal to acquire said vendor. Two qualified vendors submitted proposals.

On September 12, 2005 by roll Call No. 05-521, the City Council approved the initiation of contract negotiations with Durham Communications Incorporated (4611 East Virginia Street; Mesa, Arizona for the installation of a Mobile Data Infrastructure for Public Safety. These negotiations are progressing. The initial contract vendor responsible for the installation of a public safety mobile data communications system failed to provide the system stipulated in the contract. As a result, the communications agreement has been terminated and the City of Des Moines is seeking an alternate vendor. The City Manager and staff are currently negotiating an agreement with the terminated vendor to recover the funding necessary to replace the ineffectual system installed. There is \$1,300,000 of CIP money available (Municipal Improvements—Police and Fire Radio System Improvement: CP034 POL990000 BLD079) that was not paid to the previous vendor. However, because an agreement has not been reached with the vendor and court action may be necessary; this funding is restricted at this time.

Purchasing this computer equipment at this time is necessary, as there is a 60 to 90 day delivery period and the tentative schedule for the Mobile Data Infrastructure for Public Safety has the beginning of replacing the equipment in Fire Department vehicles the first of April. Additional purchase will be necessary for mounting hardware and software for the Fire Department. Each has a significantly shorter delivery time.