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SUBJECT—

Request to purchase communications accessories in the amount of \$29,156.50 from W.S. Darley & Company to support Metro S.T.A.R. responder communications during response operations.

SYNOPSIS—

The U. S. Department of Homeland Security and the State of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division recently approved Des Moines' Buffer Zone Protection Plans (BZPP). A Buffer Zone Protection Plan relates to homeland security measures being taken by the state to protect identified critical terrorist targets in the Des Moines geographic area. The plans identified specific types of response and the equipment required to support team operations to mitigate threats.

Required equipment includes Con-Space inner ear pieces, throat microphones, chest push-to-talk buttons, radio cables and guards. This equipment will be used to support portable radio communications capabilities for tactical officers employed in protective gear, allowing them to be able to quickly and quietly receive and respond to radio communications. W.S. Darley & Company (2000 Anson Drive, Melrose Park, IL, 60160-1087, Paul Darley, CEO) is the sole source provider for the communications accessories identified.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The total cost for Con-Space communication equipment is \$29,156.50. The equipment is eligible for purchase from a grant award of \$96,230.30 dollars from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness. The award is intended for the purchase of specific equipment to enhance security and defend sites against a potential attack.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The City Council accepted the Buffer Zone Protection Planning Program award of \$96,230.30 and conditions on November 21, 2005 by Roll-Call No. 05-2797. After extensive review of equipment needs, the W.S. Darley & Company was identified as the manufacture of the communications accessories equipment needed to accomplish the mission of the police department. The W.S. Darley & Company Executive Management has confirmed this equipment is a sole source product of their company.