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COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Communication No.: 06-005 Roll Call No.:

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SUBJECT—

Bid for "ITT Night Vision Goggles/Monoculars" as identified and approved for purchase by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, in support of the Des Moines Buffer Zone Protection Planning and response efforts.

SYNOPSIS—

Request for bids were sent to nine vendors known to deal in night vision optics, and the City of Des Moines received six vendor responses at the time of bid opening on December 22, 2005. The Police Department returned calls to the vendors to verify compliance with the equipment specification and to check on product availability.

Optics Planet, Inc failed to read the entire bid announcement. Optics Planets only bid on the seven (7) monoculars and no helmet mounts.

Pro-Tech Sales, 1313 West Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017, Edward Drellishak President did contact the police department as part of their bid review, and submitted a response that included both items in the appropriate quantities and was the low complaint bidder. Optics HQ also had the appropriate quantities identified in their response and would have been the second lowest complaint respondent.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The City of Des Moines received approval from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to purchase night vision equipment for \$29,400 as part of the Buffer Zone Protection Planning process. The State of Iowa received the Buffer Zone Protection Planning funds for all of Iowa's sites and they will reimburse the funds to the City of Des Moines.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval to award the bid for "ITT Night Vision Goggles/Monoculars" to Pro-Tech Sales for seven (7) monoculars and forty-seven (47) helmet mounts.

BACKGROUND-

On the November 21, 2005, by Roll Call 05-2797, delineated in Council Communication 05-643, Council approved the cooperation between the Des Moines Police Department and the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP). ODP provided funding to support implementation of protective measures for national critical infrastructure identified through the Buffer Zone Security Planning Process directed by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) Directorate.

Program Description:

IAIP is working with state and local emergency response personnel to develop Buffer Zone Protection Plans for critical infrastructure sites. The buffer zone is the area outside of a critical infrastructure or key asset facility that can be used to conduct surveillance or launch a terrorist attack. Buffer Zone Planning helps to identify and/or enhance existing procedures and capabilities to prevent a terrorist incident at identified facilities. The Buffer Zone Protection Plan developed through this IAIP initiative, forms the basis for identifying the required training, information, equipment, and recommended protective measures to address security shortfalls.