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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

### **City Manager's Office**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Submitted by: Bill McCarthy, Chief of Police

#### **SUBJECT—**

Award of bid for Police Academy Bullet Trap.

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

The bullet trap at the Police Academy reached such a state of disrepair it could no longer provide the mandatory safe environment for which it is utilized. The trap has been removed and a thorough lead cleaning process has been completed. The Police and Purchasing Departments created specifications for a new bullet trap, which were dispensed to qualified vendors. Vendor proposals were returned to the City and have been reviewed by the Police Academy and Purchasing staff. The low compliant vendor in this matter is Meggitt Defense Systems Caswell, 2540 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, Minneapolis, Mn. 55418, Jim Odam, President.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

This equipment is being funded by the 2003 and 2004 Law Enforcement Block Grants. The new bullet trap will cost \$75,592.00.

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval by the City Council to award the Police Academy Bullet Trap bid to Meggitt Defense Systems Caswell.

## **BACKGROUND—**

The Des Moines Police Academy is responsible for the firearms certification training of all officers and officer recruits. The pistol range bullet trap at the Academy is a critical part of this training. The Police Department has been aware for some time of the degeneration of the bullet trap. The trap is over thirty-three years old and the lead build up, broken louvers, and general condition of this equipment is beyond repair. Police Department associated staff investigated the trap alternatives available in today's market and discovered the most appropriate type of bullet trap for the Academy is a Rubber Encapsulator Granular Trap with ballistic sidewalls.

Specifications were compiled and the Purchasing Department submitted said specifications to qualified vendors. Bid specifications were sent to qualified vendors and three vendors responded with proposals.

The City Council must approve Meggitt Defense Systems Caswell, as the appropriate vendor in this matter so construction can begin.