

<h1>Council</h1> <h1>Communication</h1> <p>Office of the City Manager</p> 	Date	February 20, 2006
	Agenda Item No.	38A
Roll Call No.	<u>06-</u>	
Communication No.	<u>06-100</u>	
Department: Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Award of Bid No. V06-040 Police Badges to Sun Badge Company 2248 South Baker Avenue, Ontario, California, Rick Hamilton, President.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval to award Sun Badge Company the contract to produce Police Department shirt badges and cap shields.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$26,000 @ \$40.95 per shirt badge and \$31.25 per cap shield

Funding Source:

Police Training and Equipment Fund SP809 POL980400 544070. This purchase is not funded through the General Fund. The source is money that has come into the Police Department's possession, which was abandoned. It could not be returned to the owner and was not subject to forfeiture.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

At the request of the Chief of Police, a new design for the officer's shirt badge and cap shield was initiated. Among feature requirements, the design called for a multi piece construction exhibiting a superior three-dimensional appearance with a high quality finish.

On the 29th day of September 2005 a Notice to Bidders for Uniform and Cap Shield Badges was sent to eleven qualified bidders by the City Purchasing Department. Seven bid proposals were submitted to the City on October 20, 2005. The first four low bidders did not meet specifications. The low compliant bidder is Sun Badge Company, Ontario, California.

Vendor	Shirt Badge	Cap Shield	Total
Lawman Badge	\$ 28.60	\$ 23.00	\$ 51.60
OMB Police	\$ 35.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 64.00
Ray O'Herron	\$ 37.50	\$ 31.50	\$ 69.00
Carpenter Uniform	\$ 39.50	\$ 32.00	\$ 71.50
Sun Badge	\$ 40.95	\$ 31.25	\$ 72.20
Streicher's	\$ 44.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 80.00
Galls	\$ 63.99	\$ 51.99	\$ 115.98

The vendor submitting the lowest price was Lawman Badge Company located in Yuba City, California. This company submitted two multi piece badges as a sample of their proficient workmanship. These samples were not acceptable comparisons to the badges designed for the department and the company was asked to construct a prototype for the Chief of Police's approval. A sample prototype was sent to Lawman Badge to further assist them in reproducing the original design. After several weeks a sample badge arrived from the company. The sample was gold in color instead of the white gold coloring specified. The individual sections of the badge did not align with the base cutout of the shield base form, and the baked enamel paint displayed a ripple texture instead of the flat smooth appearance desired. The company was contacted and agreed the sample was not correct and asked for more time to construct a new sample.

The City Procurement Administrator was contacted and agreed to give the company another opportunity to provide a correct sample. The company was allowed a second opportunity to provide an acceptable shirt badge. Approximately a month passed and a new sample arrived for evaluation by the Police Department. The latest sample was the correct color but the alignment was still askew and the paint texture was still rippled. Lawman Badge was contacted and advised to return the sample design. The Police Department was informed the company had lost the sample. A letter was sent to Lawman Badge advising the owner the Police Department was appreciative of their efforts but would be seeking an alternative to their product.

The next three low cost proposals were submitted by companies who intended for the V.H. Blackington Company to construct the badge specified. The companies submitting bids were OMB Police Supply, Lenexa, Kansas, Ray O'Herron Company Inc. Danville, Illinois, and Carpenter Uniform, Des Moines, Iowa. Each of these vendors contacted V.H. Blackington Company to provide a quote for a one-piece badge. Two of these companies did not submit required samples. Mr. Mark Siegel, Vice President of V. H. Blackington Company, was contacted by the police department about the one-piece construction and a set of specifications was forwarded to him. After review of the specifications and the discovery of a multi piece construction, Mr. Siegel advised he would have to increase the initial badge construction cost by a substantial amount. The affected vendors were contacted and each confirmed with Mr. Siegel of the new construction requirements. After deliberating with Mr. Siegel each of the above vendors withdrew their bid proposals.

Further review of the submitted proposals revealed the next low bid was Sun Badge Company located in Ontario, California. This company submitted a shirt badge and cap shield prototype that meets all specifications. The contract term of this agreement is for one year with four additional annual renewals with the mutual agreement of both parties.

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