



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date July 23, 2007

Agenda Item No. 29A
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-436
Submitted by: Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Purchase of Bomb Protective Ensembles (Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program)

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of bomb protective ensembles from Med-Eng Systems, 2400 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada in the amount of \$117,966.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:

The \$117,966 purchase is part of the equipment acquisitions approved in Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force budget, which authorized expenditures totaling \$284,680 dollars. Included in this purchase is equipment valued at \$21,854 that will be retained for use by the City of Des Moines Bomb Squad. The remainder will be distributed to other task force teams.

Funding Source:

FY07-08 Operating Budget, SP751, POL985321, page 288. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Grants and Training (G&T) FFY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) made an allocation of grant funds to the State of Iowa. Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management entered into Sub-grantee Agreement #2006-GE-T6-0065-015 with the City of Des Moines, to administer Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program grant.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines serves as the fiscal agent and authorized representative for the administration of Iowa's FFY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program funds on behalf of Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

The Med-Eng EOD 9 Bomb Suit Ensembles represent the current standard for all U.S. Bomb Squads, and are the suits that every bomb technician is trained and must recertify with, every three years. The Procurement Administrator and the Police Department determined that the bomb suit ensembles are only available from Med-Eng Systems, who is the manufacturer and sole world-wide distributor.

Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program Leadership Committee completed a capability assessment and investment justification for FFY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program funding, based on the National Preparedness Goal, federal Target Capabilities List, the National Strategy for U.S. Bomb Squad's and the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2006-

2008. The bomb suit ensembles are part of the acquisitions approved for purchase by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grants and Training, and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which are consistent with the federal Approved Equipment List (AEL).

The City of Des Moines Bomb Squad will receive one (1) MED-ENG Bomb Protective Ensemble and the remaining four (4) MED-ENG Bomb Protective Ensembles will be provided to the other task force teams.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 08, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1925

Action:Resolution, whereby the City of Des Moines adopted the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to assist managers and responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines, to work together more effectively to handle emergencies and disasters. (Council Communication 05-433). Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: January 08, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-081

Action: Resolution whereby the City of Des Moines accepted Sub-grantee and Fiscal Agent responsibilities from Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for the administration of the FY 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds for Iowa's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Detection, Bomb Squad (EOD) and Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Officer's (SWAT) Task Force Programs. (Council Communication 07-008.) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: February 12, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-292

Action: Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for Des Moines Police Bomb Squad's Participation as a Member of Iowa's Bomb Squad Task Force Program. (Council Communication No. 07-049) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The Police Department will receive, inventory and hand receipt equipment items back to the respective task force teams, and submit documentation and report actions to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Finance Department, to facilitate payment of vendors and support grant audit requirements.

The Police Department will coordinate grant reimbursements with the Finance Department and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management.