



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date July 23, 2007

Agenda Item No. 29D
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-437
Submitted by: Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Purchase of CoBRA Command Kits and CoBRA Training (Iowa CBRNE Detection Grant Program)

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of CoBRA Command Kits and CoBRA Training from Defense Group Inc., 1140 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 1140, Washington, DC 2036-4030 in the amount of \$86,705.17.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:

The \$86,705.17 dollar purchase is part of the equipment acquisitions approved in Iowa's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection Equipment Program budget, which authorized expenditures totaling \$260,000 dollars. Included in this purchase is equipment and training valued at \$14,451 that will be retained for use by the City of Des Moines/Polk County Metro START Team. 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-T6-0065-009 with the City of Des Moines, to administer Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection Equipment 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 Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Detection Equipment Program.

The CoBRA Command Kits are critical for Iowa's (WMD) Tactical Officer's Task Force Program to perform their missions and to maintain interoperability with Iowa's Bomb Squad Task Force Teams. The CoBRA Command Kits are part of the operational equipment assets used in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's WMD Tactical and the FBI's Bomb Technician course curriculums.

The Procurement Administrator and the Police Department have determined that the hardware, software and technical training are available from Defense Group Inc. the manufacturer and sole nation-wide distributor of the CoBRA Command Kits.

Iowa CBRNE Detection Grant Program workgroup 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, and the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2006-2008. The CoBRA Command Kits 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 / Polk County Metro STAR Team will receive one (1) CoBRA Command Kits and participate in the CoBRA Training, the remaining five (5) CoBRA Command Kits will be provided to the other task force members.

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: 07-293

Action: Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for Metro Special Tactics and Response (S.T.A.R.) Team's participation as a member of Iowa's WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Program. (Council Communication 07-048) 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 distribute equipment back to the respective task force teams. The Police Department will also coordinate grant reimbursements with the Finance Department and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management.