



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. **43B**
Roll Call No. **08-**
Communication No. **08-213**
Submitted by: **Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police**

AGENDA HEADING:

Purchase of Remotec Digital Radio Control Systems for Iowa's (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of the Digital Radio Control System upgrades from Northrop Grumman – Remotec, Inc. in the amount of \$424,314.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$424,314

This purchase is part of the equipment acquisitions approved in Iowa's (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force budget, which authorized expenditures totaling \$480,000. Included in this purchase is one (1) digital radio control system upgrade valued at \$53,039.25 to be retained by the City of Des Moines Bomb Squad. The seven (7) remaining digital radio system upgrades will be distributed to the other task force teams.

Funding Source: FY07-08 Operating Budget, SP751, POL985303, page 288. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Grants and Training (G&T) FFY 2007 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 #2007-GE-T7-0032-014 with the City of Des Moines, to administer Iowa's (EOD) Bomb Squad 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 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program funds on behalf of Iowa's (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program.

The Northrop Grumman - Remotec Digital Radio Control System upgrades represent the latest radio control system technology available for use with the Northrop Grumman - Remotec Andros F6A Multi-function Robotics Platforms deployed by all members of Iowa's Bomb Squad Task Force Program.

The Procurement Administrator of the Finance Department has determined there is only one vendor that can provide the needed equipment. The digital radio control system upgrades for the Andros F6A Robots are only available from Northrop Grumman – Remotec, Inc. 353 JD Yarnell Industrial Parkway, Clinton, Tennessee 37716, who is the manufacturer and sole world-wide distributor for the Andros F6A robotics platform, parts and radio control systems.

Iowa's (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program Leadership Committee completed a capability assessment and investment justification for FFY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program funding, based on the National Preparedness Goal, Federal Target Capabilities List, National Strategy for U.S. Bomb Squads and

the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2006-2008. The digital radio system upgrades were approved for purchase by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grants and Training, and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, which are consistent with the requirements of the federal Approved Equipment List (AEL).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-228

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 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds for Iowa's (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program. (Council Communication No. 08-046) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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.

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.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The Police Department will receive, inventory and deliver 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.

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