



**Council  
Communication**  
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**Date**

September 22, 2008

**Agenda Item No.** 29C

**Roll Call No.** ~~08-~~

**Communication No.** ~~08-566~~

**Submitted by:** Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Purchasing awards for bid V09-008 Police Department along with the Polk County Sheriff's Office ammunition bid.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The bidding process was initiated August 14, 2008 for the purchase of duty and practice ammunition required by the City of Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Thirteen qualified vendors were issued the bidding document which resulted in three responding bids. The low dollar bid proposals were awarded to the appropriate vendors except in one category. The low dollar bid for .223 and .308 caliber rifle ammunition was not compliant with the issued specifications. The bid received from UltraMax Ammunition, 2112 Elk Vale Road, Rapid City, SD 57701 for the .223 and .308 caliber rifle ammunition substituted Federal for the specified Winchester brand. A review of the past performance of the Federal ammunition in City owned rifles made the substitution unacceptable. The second lowest bidder was Express Police Supply 11333 Strang Line Road, Lenexa, KS 66215. The bid was according to specification thus resulting in the bid award.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$173,502.25

Funding Source: FY2008-2009 Operating Budget, GE001 POL101300, page 276, \$62,711.40; GE001, POL041000, page 266 \$110,790.85. Of this amount Polk County Sheriff will be invoiced \$35,506.20.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Bid proposals were received from three vendors for bid V09-008 concerning duty and practice ammunition for the Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. UltraMax Ammunition was the only bidder for shotgun, practice and duty pistol ammunition. The only exception was the pistol ammunition of .45 caliber GAP 230 grain. All vendors submitted bids, however UltraMax proved to be the lowest dollar bid. All three vendors submitted bids for the rifle ammunition. UltraMax submitted a bid substituting Federal Ammunitions for the Winchester brand for the .223 caliber 69 grain and the .308 caliber 168 grain. However the bid specifications clearly require the Winchester brand and alternatives were not to be accepted. The substitution of the Federal ammunitions would result in recalibration of all the rifles using the ammunition at a considerable cost. We recommend the award be given to the second lowest bidder, Express Police Supply for the rifle ammunition.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION (S):**

Date: 11-19-07

Roll Call Number: 07-2219

Action: Bids from the following: Gil Hebard Guns, UltraMax, and Ray O'Herron Company for ammunition (as designated on the bid tabulation) to be used by the Police Department (cooperative effort with the Polk County Sheriff's Office), \$134,731.91. (Nine bids mailed, four received). (Council Communication No. 07-678) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.)

Date: 9-11-06

Roll Call Number: 06-1791

Action: Bids from the following: UltraMax Ammunition for ammunition to be used by the Police Department, \$151,016.73. (Nine bids mailed, four received.) (Council Communication No. 06-585) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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