



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date	February 23, 2009
-------------	-------------------

Agenda Item No.	45B
Roll Call No.	09-
Communication No.	09-115
Submitted by: Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police & Allen McKinley, Finance Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Purchase of Military Remote Firing Systems for Iowa's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of the Military Remote Firing Systems from General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems in the amount of \$31,500. One firing system valued at \$4,500 will be retained by the City of Des Moines' Bomb Squad for detonation purposes. The remaining six firing systems will be distributed to the other task force teams.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$31,500

Funding Source: Recommended Budget June 30, 2010, Page 252, HSGP – EOD Bomb Grant – FY 2007, SP751, POL985303.

This purchase is part of the equipment acquisitions approved in Iowa's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Task Force budget, which authorized expenditures totaling \$480,000 dollars.

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-T6-0032-014 with the City of Des Moines, to administer Iowa's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program grant.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Iowa's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) 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, the National Strategy for U.S. Bomb Squad's and the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2006-2008. The military remote firing systems 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 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 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

The Procurement Administrator and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Leadership Committee determined the Military Remote Firing Systems are only available from General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, 12644 Research Parkway, Orlando, FL 32826, who is the sole manufacturer and distributor. After reviewing the Police Chief's request to bid this equipment, it was determined by the Procurement Administrator of the Finance Department that it was in the best interest of the City to purchase this equipment from the manufacturer and sole worldwide distributor of the product.

This is in compliance with Municipal Code Section 2-726(a)(7) that provides for non-competitive procurement of goods and/or services that are of such a nature that they are the only goods and/or services which will fit and comply with the required use, or are an integral part of a total system so as to be uniquely compatible with existing city need, materials or equipment to be cost effective.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-228

Action: Acceptance of Sub-Grantee Agreements to administer FFY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. 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: Implementation of the National Incident Management System in the City of Des Moines. (Council Communication No. 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 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.

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City

Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.