



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 42B

Roll Call No. 09-

Communication No. 09-670

Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Award and Approval of Express Police Supply, 11333 Strang Line Rd, Lenexa, KS 66215, (Bob Ralph/Owner) and (2) UltraMax Ammunition, 2112 Elk Vale Road, Rapid City, SD 57701 (Roger Braunstein/Owner) to provide ammunition, as documented by the Procurement Administrator, for the City of Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the above ammunition providers for ammunition for the City of Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. For several years, the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office have cooperated in purchasing ammunition for their public safety officers training and duty ammunition. The Procurement Administrator for the City of Des Moines solicited bids from nine qualified vendors and two bids were received. Upon review of the submitted proposals, the low dollar compliant bids for each type of ammunition was recommended by the Police Department except for one category in the 223 55gr practice (Federal AE223). The ammunition bid by the low dollar bidder was not compliant with the specifications since it was not Federal manufactured and was not the same American Eagle construction. The next low dollar compliant bidder bid the correct ammunition and should be awarded the purchase order.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$199,086.18

Funding Source: \$131,502.55 - FY10 Recommended Operating Budget, GE001, POL040400, 532015 page 234 and \$67,583.63 - GE001, POL101300, 532015, page 244

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Des Moines Police Department have combined their respective ammunition needs in to one bidding process executed by the City of Des Moines. Recently, ammunition proposals were solicited by the City of Des Moines Procurement Administrator to resupply depleted ammunition stores. Specifications were sent to nine qualified vendors and two vendors responded, Express Police Supply and UltraMax Ammunition. Both vendors provided cost proposals for each category of ammunition and Police Department staff recommended purchasing ammunition from each vendor depending upon the low dollar cost. A discrepancy in type and construction was uncovered during the proposal review. The vendor that submitted the discrepancy, UltraMax Ammunition, was the low dollar bidder in the specified category. Upon recognition of the discrepancy, the vendor's

ammunition bid no longer complied with the category specifications and the second low dollar compliant bidder, Express Police Supply, was recommended.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 22, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1668

Action: Express Police Supply and UltraMax for joint purchase with Polk County Sheriff's Office for ammunition to be used by the Police Department, \$173,502.25. (Thirteen bids mailed, three received). (Council Communication No. 08-566) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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