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Communication No. 09-892

Submitted by: Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police
& Allen McKinley, Finance Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Purchase Tactical Surveillance Robotics Platforms with integrated MultiRae Gas Detection Systems for Iowa's Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Tactical (SWAT) Task Force Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council approval of the purchase of the Tactical Surveillance Robotics Platforms with integrated MultiRae Gas Detection Systems. The iRobot Negotiator Tactical Surveillance Robot is manufactured by iRobot Corporation, Colin Angle, Chairman of the Board, CEO and Co-Founder, 8 Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA 01730, in the amount of \$349,985.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$349,985

This purchase is part of the equipment acquisitions approved in Iowa's WMD Tactical (SWAT) Task Force budget, which authorized expenditures totaling \$709,480. Included in this purchase is one (1) Negotiator Tactical Surveillance Robot with integrated MultiRae Gas Detection System valued at \$58,330.83 to be retained by the City of Des Moines Metro STAR WMD Tactical Team. The five (5) remaining Negotiator Tactical Surveillance Robots with integrated MultiRae Gas Detection Systems will be distributed to the other task force teams.

Funding Source: Recommended Budget June 30, 2010, Page 288, FY2008 (SWAT) Iowa's WMD Tactical Task Force Program Grant, SP751, POL985314.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Grants and Training (G&T) FFY 2008 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 # 2008-GE-T8-2008-021-SWAT with the City of Des Moines, to administer Iowa's WMD Tactical (SWAT) Task Force Program grant.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Iowa's WMD Tactical (SWAT) Task Force Program Leadership Committee completed a capability assessment and investment justification for FFY 2008 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 Negotiator Tactical Surveillance Robot with integrated MultiRae Gas Detection 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 Iowa WMD Tactical Officers Task Force Leadership Committee researched available robotics platforms and the accessories necessary to fulfill assigned mission tasks. Cedar Rapids and the Iowa State Patrol took the lead in researching available products and identified the iRobot Negotiator Tactical Surveillance Robot with an integrated MultiRae Gas Detection System as the only platform meeting the tactical and environmental monitoring requirements, was light weight enough to be carried and operated by one team member, and having a low profile allowing movement under vehicles and most items of furniture.

The City of Des Moines serves as the fiscal agent and authorized representative for the administration of Iowa's FFY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program funds on behalf of Iowa's WMD Tactical (SWAT) Task Force Program.

The Procurement Administrator and the Iowa's WMD Tactical Task Force Leadership Committee determined the Negotiator Tactical Surveillance Robot with integrated MultiRae Gas Detection System is only available from by iRobot Corporation, 8 Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA 01730, 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: 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: 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: October 26, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1938

Action: Acceptance of Sub-Grantee Agreements to administer FFY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. (Council Communication No. 09-759) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The Police Department will receive, inventory and hand receipt 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.

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