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Agenda Item No. **35B**

Roll Call No. **09-**

Communication No. **09-894**

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

AGENDA HEADING:

Purchase of CT-DECT Digital Wireless Bomb Suit Communications Systems for Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council approval of the purchase of the CT-DECT Digital Wireless Bomb Suit Communications Systems from CEOTronics, Inc., Thomas H. Günther, Chairman and CEO, 300 Southport Circle, Suite 103, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, in the amount of \$221,112.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$221,112

This purchase is part of the equipment acquisitions approved in Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force budget, which authorized expenditures totaling \$710,000. Included in this purchase is one (1) CT-DECT Digital Wireless Bomb Suit Communications System valued at \$27,639 to be retained by the City of Des Moines Bomb Squad. The seven (7) remaining CT-DECT Digital Wireless Bomb Suit Communications Systems will be distributed to the other task force teams.

Funding Source: Recommended Budget June 30, 2010, Page 288, FY2008 (EOD) Iowa's Bomb Squad Task Force Program Grant, SP751, POL985304.

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-T8-2008-009-EOD with the City of Des Moines, to administer Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program grant.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) 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, the National Strategy for U.S. Bomb Squad's and the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2006-2008. The Bomb Suit Communications 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 previously purchased one (1) CT-DECT Digital Wireless Bomb Suit Communications System on November 01, 2007, which is currently in use by the Des Moines Bomb Squad. The CT-DECT Digital Wireless Bomb Suit Communications System has been demonstrated and tested by other State Bomb Squads.

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 Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

The Procurement Administrator and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Leadership Committee determined the Bomb Suit Communications Systems with fully duplexed (hands free) low power communications, compatible for use with the Med Eng SRS 5 Search Suit, EOD 8 and EOD 9 Bomb Suits during bomb mitigation operations, within an explosive device environment, with the ability to remotely connect to a cellular phone or a public safety radio system to allow reach back communications to technical support are only available from CeoTronics, Inc., 300 Southport Circle, Suite 103, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, 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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