



# Council Communication

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**Date** March 8, 2010

**Agenda Item No.** 35A

**Roll Call No.** 10-

**Communication No.** 10-129

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

## **AGENDA HEADING:**

Award of Invitation to bid V10-063, for forty-one (41) Tactical Shotguns for the Police Department Patrol Bureau to Central States Tactical, 2601 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, Melanie Petrie, President/Owner.

## **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of Award of Invitation to bid for 41 Tactical Shotguns for the Police Department's Patrol Bureau. In the fall of 2009, the Police Department needed to replace Patrol Bureau shotguns. A bidding process was completed by the Finance Department and distributed to four qualified vendors.

Two vendors responded and one (Central States Tactical) was awarded the bid. During the vendor's acquisition period, it was determined by the Police Academy staff that the sights and stocks associated with the ordered shotguns warranted a better performance and should be replaced. The initial purchase order was cancelled and a new bidding process was initiated. Six vendors were sent bid specifications and only one vendor (Central States Tactical) responded. It is unclear why the previous alternative vendor did not bid on the new specifications.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$32,905.26

Funding Source: Funds Recommended Budget FY 2011, SP321, POL982100, 532300 Federal Forfeited, Special Reserve Fund, page 255

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

In the fall of 2009, the police department needed to replace their existing Patrol Bureau tactical shotguns. These shotguns were equipped with a bead sight and a standard stock. An invitation to bid was distributed to qualified vendors and two of these responded with compliant proposals. The bidders were Central States Tactical and Streicher's Incorporated. The low dollar compliant bidder was Central States Tactical and they were awarded the Invitation to Bid V09-128. A purchase order was issued for the proposed shotguns.

During the period between the issuance of the purchase order and the delivery of the shotguns, the Police Academy staff conducted field testing on the traditional shotgun ordered and a tactical shotgun with ghost ring sights and a Knoxx stock. It was discovered that ghost sights allowed finer accuracy for the majority of officers. The Knoxx stocks were discovered to diminish explosive recoil during discharging

due to their adjustability for some officers, which improved the stability of the shooter. Both of these changes are important safety values for all patrol officers.

Because of this safety advantage, it was determined the existing purchase order be cancelled and another Invitation to Bid should be distributed with the ghost sights and Knoxx stock features. Invitation to Bid V10-063 was distributed to six qualified vendors, but only one vendor submitted a proposal. All those vendors granted an Invitation to Bid is capable of providing the corrected features.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 10, 2009

Roll Call Number: 09-1460

Action: Central States Tactical (Melanie Petrie, Owner/President) for tactical police shotguns to be used by the Police Department, \$29,026.68. (Four bids mailed, two received). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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