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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 31B <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-1388</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-513</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Judy Bradshaw, Chief of Police & Allen McKinley, Finance Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Purchase of Rail Attached Flexible Tools (RAFTs) to equip the Remotec F6A multi-function robotics platforms for Iowa’s Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the purchase of Rail Attached Flexible Tools (RAFTs) to equip the Remotec F6A multi-function robotics platforms from EOD Robotics, Inc., 1190 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95090, Frank Layton, President. 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 Rail Attached Flexible Tool (RAFT) to equip the Remotec F6A multi-function robotics platform valued at \$5,495 to be retained by the City of Des Moines Bomb Squad. The seven (7) remaining Rail Attached Flexible Tools (RAFTs) will be distributed to the other task force teams.

These tool kits are for existing robots that were previously purchased. In order to function and perform properly, the tool kits have to be provided by the same manufacturer as the original robot. The Procurement Administrator and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Leadership Committee have determined that such equipment is only available from EOD Robotics, Inc., the sole manufacturer and distributor.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$43,960

Funding Source: FY2008 (EOD) Iowa’s Bomb Squad Task Force Program Grant, SP751, POL985304, FY2010-11 Recommended Operating Budget, Page 288.

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 Rail Attached Flexible Tool (RAFT) Systems are part of the acquisitions approved for purchase by Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which is 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 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program funds on behalf of Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

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: 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 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.

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