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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 32 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-1395</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-535</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Merrill R. Stanley, Deputy City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving purchase of Bomb Squad Vehicle.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to purchase a one-ton extended length, high roofed, cargo van with accessories and equipment outfitted for Police Department Bomb Squad use as good cause shown to Carousel Motors, Kenneth Williamson, Owner, 809 Highway 1 West, Iowa City, IA 52246, in the amount of \$64,461.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$64,461

Funding Source: \$32,230.50, FY2010-11 Operating Budget, Metro Special Weapons Response Section, GE001, POL101300, page 247; \$32,230.50, FY2010-11 Operating Budget Police, State Forfeited Funds, SP324, POL982200, page 255.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Bids were previously solicited in a supplemental vehicle bid for a one-ton extended cargo van with high roof, equipment and accessories needed for utilization as a Bomb Squad response vehicle for the Homeland Security Bureau of the Police Department. No local bidders responded to the bid solicitation. Fleet staff follow-up discovered that due to a change in marketing arrangements, local area dealers could not supply a van compliant with specifications. Mercedes Benz dealers have availability of a Sprinter model meeting specifications. Despite repeated contacts with the local area dealer, no response was received and a quote was solicited from Carousel Motors, Iowa City. Up fitting of specialized equipment and accessories will be performed by a local area truck equipment provider.

This unit will replace an existing SUV's use in the fleet. The specifications were developed to meet the cargo capacity and towing requirement of the replacement vehicle. Cargo space of a one-ton extended van is needed to store all equipment and materials associated with responses. Total equipment and personnel is 1,500 pounds. The unit will pull a 5,500 pound bomb trailer. Interior height and space requirements are necessary to allow technician(s) the ability to put on a bomb suit and store the bomb suits to prevent damage, and the ability to store and maneuver the robot. Adequate lighting and climate control is necessary to meet the needs in all weather conditions.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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