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	Agenda Item No. 38F Roll Call No. <u>10-1573</u> Communication No. <u>10-584</u> Submitted by: Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase replacement Panasonic ToughBook Computers from Bay Communications Incorporated, Steve Elias, President, 2040 Radison Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54302; the Pocket Jet Printers and cabling from CDW Government, John Edwardson, President, 230 North Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, Illinois, 60061; and the L-Tron 2D Scanners from EmbarkIT Incorporated, Anita Messerschmidt, President, 1303 50th Street, Suite 100, West Des Moines, Iowa, 50266.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase replacement ToughBook Computers, Pocket Jet Printers and cabling and L-Tron 2D Scanners for the Police Department’s Mobile Data Computer System. It was recently determined by the Police Technology Section that 25 existing Panasonic ToughBook Computers and associated hardware located in 25 patrol cars were due for replacement as a result of excessive wear and repair. These same units have been in service for over six years. The Purchasing Department distributed bid specifications to five qualified suppliers and four of these vendors sent a proposal response. After review of the proposals, it was determined that three of the vendors should be awarded a purchase order for the separate products.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$117,768.25

Funding Source: FY2010-2011 Operating Budget, E911 Surcharge Reimbursement, POL040900, GE001, page 236.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department’s Mobile Data System utilizes Panasonic ToughBook Computers in their patrol cars. Associated with the computers are the Pocket Jet 3 printers utilized to print paper summons and an L-Tron 2D Scanner for scanning bar codes.

The Mobile Data System is under continual scrutiny by the Police Technology Section to assure the system maintains a high level of reliability. The Section recently reviewed the ToughBook hardware and associated equipment and discovered twenty five units that need replacement. Like equipment must be purchased to maintain the standardization of the system.

The Purchasing Department distributed bid specifications to five qualified vendors and received four responses to the specification document. The Police Department recommends approval of the above mentioned vendors for the specific equipment, as their proposals confirm them as the low dollar compliant bidders. The separate purchase orders will save the City approximately \$807.25.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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