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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 27C <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>10-1663</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>10-613</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Judy Bradshaw Chief of Police  Allen McKinley Finance Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Purchase Upgrades to the Remotec F6A bomb robotics platforms to the F6B standard for Iowa’s (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the purchase of the upgrades to the Remotec F6A bomb robotics platforms to the F6B standard from Northrop Grumman – Remotec, Inc. in the amount of \$419,496. Included in this purchase is one (1) Remotec F6A bomb robotics platform upgrade valued at \$52,437, to be retained by the City of Des Moines Bomb Squad. The seven (7) remaining Remotec F6A bomb robotics platform upgrades will be distributed to the other task force teams.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$419,496

Funding Source: SP751, POL985305, FY11 Recommended Operating Budget, page 255.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Grants and Training (G&T) FFY 2009 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 #2009-SS-T89-0034-16-EOD with the City of Des Moines, to administer Iowa’s (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program grant.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The City of Des Moines serves as the fiscal agent and authorized representative for the administration of Iowa’s FFY 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program funds on behalf of Iowa’s (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program.

The upgrades to the Northrop Grumman - Remotec F6A bomb robotics platforms represent increased capabilities and prolonged service life for the Northrop Grumman - Remotec Andros F6A Multi-function Robotics Platforms deployed by all members of Iowa’s Bomb Squad Task Force Program. The Procurement Administrator and the Police Department determined the digital radio control system

upgrades for the Andros F6A Robots are only available from Northrop Grumman – Remotec, Inc. 353 JD Yarnell Industrial Parkway, Clinton, Tennessee 37716, who is the manufacturer and sole world-wide distributor for the Andros F6A robotics platform, parts and radio control systems.

Iowa's (EOD) Bomb Squad Task Force Program Leadership Committee completed a capability assessment and investment justification for FFY 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program funding, based on the National Preparedness Goal, federal Target Capabilities List, National Strategy for U.S. Bomb Squads and the Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2009-2014. The robotics platform upgrades were approved for purchase by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grants and Training, and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, which are consistent with the requirements of the federal Approved Equipment List (AEL).

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 9, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1284](#)

Action: [Sub-Grantee Agreements to administer FFY2009 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds from Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.](#) ([Council Communication No. 10-494](#)) Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

The Police Department will receive, inventory, hand receipt 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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