



# Council Communication

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<b>Communication No.</b>	<u>10-703</u>
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## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase eight Remington Model 700 Tactical Rifles from Central States Tactical, 2601 North 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521, Gordon Petrie, President.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase eight Remington 700 Tactical Rifles from Central States Tactical.

Several of the Police Department's Tactical Team rifles have deteriorated to the point that the accuracy and dependability of these rifles can no longer be assured. After review of the inventory, the staff determined six of the existing rifles should be replaced and two more should be purchased to allow each Tactical Officer to have their own rifle. By each officer having their own assigned rifle, the longevity of all the rifles for the team will be extended by an expected eight years. Seven qualified vendors were provided bid specifications for the rifles. Six of the vendors made no response to the specifications. Central States Tactical response met all specifications.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$30,512.24

Funding Source: Police Department, Metro Special Weapons Response Section, FY2011 Recommended Operating Budget, SP321, POL982100, page 255.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department Tactical Unit mission is to respond to all types of emergency situations that could jeopardize the safety of the community at large. Part of that responsibility requires extensive training in firearm proficiency against criminal suspects instigating deadly force. The neutralization of these threats coupled with the training and practice on the firing range eventually leads to a deterioration of the specialized weapons employed by the Tactical Unit.

The Tactical Unit Commander recently was advised that several sniper rifles in the weapons inventory have reached a point where normal maintenance and repair are no longer options to assure dependability of service demands. The entire rifle inventory was reviewed and it was determined not all inventory needed replacement but six rifles should be replaced as soon as possible and an additional two more should be purchased to allow each Officer their own weapon. It is anticipated that by providing each Officer with a rifle, it will enhance the endurance time of all the rifles. When a rifle is shared by two officers, the barrel will need to be replaced in four years and the rifle needs to be replaced in eight years.

The manufacturer provides warranty on the accuracy of the barrel for 5,000 rounds being fired through the barrel. We only replace the barrel once because by the time you fire 10,000 rounds through the weapon system, the metal in the receiver and other receiver parts have developed excessive wear and metal fatigue. When only one officer utilizes a rifle, the projected time frame for replacement of the barrel would be extended to eight years and replacement of the rifle would be extended to 16 years.

Bid specifications were sent to seven qualified vendors to obtain the best purchasing option for the City. Six of these vendors did not submit a proposal. Central States Tactical submitted a proposal, which is compliant with all specifications.

It is the recommendation of the Police Department and the Procurement Division that the proposal submitted by Central States Tactical be approved and accepted by the City Council and the Procurement Administrator issue a purchase order for the specified Tactical rifles.

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

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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