



Council Communication

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Date:	December 19, 2011
Agenda Item No.	38A
Roll Call No.	<u>11-2136</u>
Communication No.	<u>11-753</u>
Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Purchase of TruDefender FT Rugged Handheld FTIR Chemical Identification System for Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council approval of the purchase of the TruDefender FT Rugged Handheld FTIR Chemical Identification System from Ahura Scientific, John P. Johnson, Director Safety and Security, 46 Jonspin Rd., Wilmington, MA 01887, in the amount of \$375,725.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$375,725

This purchase is approved in Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force budget. One TruDefender FT Rugged Handheld FTIR Chemical Identification System valued at \$47,500 will be retained by the City of Des Moines Bomb Squad. The seven (7) remaining TruDefender FT Rugged Handheld FTIR Chemical Identification Systems will be distributed to the other task force teams.

Funding Source: \$326,400 FFY2008 Homeland Security Grant Program Reallocation, SP751, POL985308, page 249, FY2012 Adopted Operating Budget; \$49,325 FFY2009 Homeland Security Grant Program, SP751, POL985305, page 249, FY2012 Adopted Operating Budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Leadership Committee completed a capability assessment and investment justification 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 Thermo Scientific True Defender FT spectrometers are part of the acquisitions approved for purchase by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grants and Training, and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which are consistent with federal approved equipment list (AEL).

The City of Des Moines serves as the fiscal agent and authorized representative for the administration of Iowa's FFY2008 Homeland Security Reallocation Grant Program funds on behalf of Iowa's Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Program.

The Procurement Administrator and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Task Force Leadership determined the Thermo Scientific TruDefender FT spectrometers will enhance existing capabilities and provide a wider capability of identification than currently available to teams and are only available from Ahura Scientific, 46 Jonspin Rd., Wilmington, MA 01887, who is the sole manufacturer and distributor. 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: February 12, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-292

Action: [Intergovernmental](#) 28E Agreement with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division for Des Moines Police Bomb Squad's Participation as a Member of Iowa's Bomb Squad Task Force Program. ([Council Communication No. 07-049](#)) **Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

Date: August 08, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1925

Action: Resolution, whereby the City of Des Moines adopted the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to assist managers and responders from different jurisdictions and disciplines, to work together more effectively to handle emergencies and disasters. ([Council Communication 05-433](#)). **Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion carried 7-0.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The Police Department will receive, inventory and hand receipt 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 and support grant audit requirements.

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