

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date:	September 10, 2012
	Agenda Item No.	22
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-1421</u>
	Communication No.	<u>12-472</u>
	Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to attain A-T Solutions services to conduct an IED/WMD Electronics Course in Des Moines to the eight (8) bomb technician units in the State.

SYNOPSIS:

The Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Leadership Committee associated with the Fiscal Year 2011 State Homeland Security Grant desires to fund the instructor’s travel and training materials for the A-T Solutions Improvised Explosive Device/Weapons of Mass Destruction Electronics Course. This course is designed to provide basic and advanced electronics training for bomb technicians to enhance tools and skill sets currently in use. The training will be equally distributed among the eight State Explosive Ordinance Device Teams. Each team will receive at least one registration. The cost associated with this electronics course will be funded by the Fiscal year 2011 State Homeland Security Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$31,020.61

Funding Source: SP751, POL985307, HLS 2011 EOD – Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013, page 225.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines acts as the managing agent of the federal grant funds on behalf of the Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Program Leadership Committee. The Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Leadership Committee associated with the Fiscal Year 2011 State Homeland Security Grant, has determined that an electronics course will be of great value to task force members’ goals and skills currently recommended by the FBI Hazardous Devices School. This course will be associated with managing and safely disarming IED/WMD devices. The course is being presented by A-T Solutions on December 3-12, 2012, in Des Moines. A-T Solutions is a premier training provider for the US Military Explosive Ordinance Disposal units and civilian bomb technicians.

The course will provide advanced skill sets needed by bomb squads to engage emerging threats outlined in the National Incident Management System and Presidential Directives. Because this course is a universal training session the Iowa Bomb Squad Task Force Leadership Committee desires to bring in the instructor from A-T Solutions to teach bomb technicians from around the State of Iowa. Grant funding has been identified to bring the instructor to Des Moines. Each of the eight (8) bomb

technician units in the State will be granted at least one registration. This training is for continuous certification necessary for a level two (2) capacity Federal Homeland Security team.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to cityclerk@dmgov.org.