

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: November 3, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 32B Roll Call No. <u>14-1723</u> Communication No. <u>14-515</u> Submitted by: Douglas M. Harvey, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Award and Approval of UltraMax Ammunition, 2112 Elk Vale Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 (Roger Braunstein/Owner) and Sunset Law Enforcement, 303 Sherman Ave, Ackley, Iowa 50601 (Mike Bright/President) to provide ammunition, in accordance with bid V15-039 as documented by the Procurement Administrator, for the City of Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff’s Office.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the above ammunition providers for ammunition for the City of Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff’s Office. For several years the Police Department and the Sheriff’s Office have cooperated in purchasing ammunition for their public safety officers training and duty ammunition. The Procurement Administrator for the City of Des Moines solicited bids from 10 qualified vendors and three (3) bids were received. Upon review of the submitted proposals, the low dollar compliant bid for each type of ammunition was recommended by the Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$194,973.07

Funding Source: \$91,381.57 is attributable to PD220352, Personnel and Training Section, page 197 and \$103,591.50 is attributable to PD221366, Metro Special Weapons Response Section, page 208 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Recommended Operating Budget. The Polk County Sheriff’s Office will be invoiced by the City of Des Moines Police Department for the 40% of the total paid by the Metro Special Weapons Response Section.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines Police Department has issued their annual ammunition needs to the bidding process; the bidding process has been executed by the City of Des Moines Procurement Department. The ammunition proposals were solicited by the City of Des Moines Procurement Administrator to resupply depleted ammunition stores. Specifications were sent to 10 qualified vendors and three (3) vendors responded. UltraMax Ammunition and Sunset Law Enforcement provided cost proposals for each category of ammunition and Police Department staff recommended purchasing ammunition from each vendor depending upon the low dollar compliant cost. A discrepancy in type and construction was discovered during the proposal review of some bidders. Upon recognition of the discrepancy, the vendor’s ammunition bid no longer complied with the category specifications, so the Police Department went with the next lowest dollar compliant bidder. The 308 caliber Federal 168 grain boat-

tail hollow point bullet that UltraMax bid is intended for target shooting only. Due to the nature of our police snipers and the precision that they must have when they are called to perform, they do not use separate ammunition for training and duty use. They must know at all times how their weapons and ammunition perform together, therefore they only train with duty ammunition that would be used in a real world situation. Sunset Law Enforcement bid the ammunition that works for both of these situations, whereas the ammunition from UltraMax does not.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 29, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1216](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (E) [UltraMax](#) Ammunition (Roger Braunstein, President) and Ray O'Herron Co. (Ray O'Herron, President) for ammunition for use by the Police Department, \$207,906.40. (Sixteen bids mailed, five received). ([Council Communication No. 13-380](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: September 24, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1507](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (A) [UltraMax](#) Ammunition (Roger Braunstein, Owner) and Sunset Law Enforcement (Dean and Mike Bright/Owners) to provide ammunition, in accordance with bid V13-018 as documented by the Procurement Administrator, for the City of Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. (Fifteen bids mailed, seven received) ([Council Communication No. 12-503](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 29, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1473](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (C) [UltraMax](#) Ammunition (Roger Braunstein, Owner) for ammunition to be used by the Police Department, \$191,290.70. (Thirteen bids mailed, five received) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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