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	Agenda Item No.	32B
	Roll Call No.	<u>15-2068</u>
	Communication No.	<u>15-632</u>
	Submitted by:	Dana D. Wingert, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Award and approval to Keltex Inc. 205 N. High Street, Baxter, Iowa, 50028, (Kelly Milligan, President) for the purchase of 130 Panasonic Toughbook brand rugged and semi-rugged laptops to outfit Police vehicles.

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department is replacing the existing stock of Panasonic Toughbook brand rugged laptops along with ancillary hardware located in Police vehicles. These units have been in service for a minimum of five (5) years and have reached the end of useful life. The 100 rugged laptops units would be for Patrol vehicles. Of the semi-rugged laptops, 30 would be used by School Resource Officers (SROs) and in Neighborhood Based Service Delivery (NBSD) vehicles.

The Procurement Division distributed bid specifications to eight (8) vendors with two (2) of these vendors submitting a qualified proposal response.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$455,680 total project cost. The equipment will be delivered in quantities appropriate for timely installations and could extend up to 18 months. The funding for this equipment will include two (2) fiscal year (FY) budgets, FY 2016 and FY 2017. Funding is provided through Enhanced 911 Program (E911) from landline and wireless surcharges.

Funding Source: FY 2016 Recommended Operating Budget, E911 funding, page 192.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department with the consultation of the Information Technology Department conducted a thorough analysis of other rugged laptop providers and determined that continuing with the Panasonic product was the best product for the department. The failure rate, battery life, drop test ratings, along with numerous other specifications were deciding factors in choosing the Panasonic Toughbook rugged and semi-rugged laptops over other competitors.

By continuing with the Panasonic Toughbook product series, a selection of existing inventory can continue to be used as emergency back-ups and in a training setting. By purchasing the products incrementally as needed, it enables the department to fully utilize the warranty coverage and prevents the warranty clock from beginning before the product is in use.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 27, 2010

Roll Call Number: [10-1573](#)

Action: [Bay](#) Communications Inc. (Steve Elias, President), CDW Government (John Edwardson, President) and Embark, IT (Anita Messerschmidt, President) for twenty-five (25) replacement Panasonic ToughBook Computers and associated hardware to be used by the Police Department, \$117,768.25. Five bids mailed, four received. ([Council Communication No. 10-584](#)) Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: June 4, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-1089](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (A) [Tough](#) Solutions for Panasonic laptop computers to replace outdated equipment per State of Iowa Contract for use by the Patrol Division, \$104,419.04. Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 23, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-776](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (F) [Tough](#) Solutions for Panasonic laptop computers per State of Iowa Contract for use by Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Officers, \$25,638.24. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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