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Communication No.

16-204 Dana D. Wingert, Chief **Submitted by:**

of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Award and approval to purchase an audio/visual system for the training rooms of the Des Moines Regional Police Academy from Communications Engineering Company, 2701 SE Convenience Boulevard Suite 6, Ankeny, IA, 50021, CEO Matt Dlouhy, in accordance with bid V16-076 as documented by the Procurement Administrator.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department desires to purchase a modern audio/visual system for the training rooms at the Des Moines Regional Police Academy. This equipment will allow the trainers to more effectively and efficiently train Police personnel, City employees, as well as hold other trainings and meetings for community groups or outside agencies.

This equipment is a vital piece of displaying information during training sessions to give trainees the ability to accurately see how the training will be implemented in a real world scenario. The equipment will also be able to bridge together numerous rooms, therefore increasing the number of individuals who can train at one (1) given time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$79,705.88

Funding Source: S324, State Seized Funds, PD226000, Recommended Budget Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016, page 207.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Most of the current audio visual equipment that is used at the Des Moines Regional Police Academy was purchased 10 to 15 years ago and is at the end of its useful life. This new equipment will include projection components, audio components, control components, and presenter lecterns. The update will be done to all three (3) adjoining training rooms. Presenters will be able use any of the three (3) rooms separately, combine two (2) rooms together, or combine all three (3) rooms at one (1) time to display information to a large group of people. There will also be the added capabilities of a 2-way audio within this system. The system can also be used for conference calls using web-based video chat for remote training possibilities. All of these enhancements will allow the Des Moines Regional Police Academy increased capabilities to handle their training duties.

Police Department staff contracted with AVI Systems Inc. in developing specifications for the audio/video system. Those specifications were sent out to 10 qualified vendors by the Procurement Administrator and three (3) bids were received. The bids have been reviewed by the Police Department resulting in Communications Engineering Company being selected as the lowest compliant bidder.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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