


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	22-366	Meeting:	August 8, 2022
	Agenda Item:	48B	Roll Call:	22-1276
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of approximately 120 ballistic personal protection systems utilizing the NASPO Value Point Agreement number 2016-178, State of Iowa Master Agreement 16263C.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase an estimated 120 ballistic personal protection systems from two (2) vendors:

- Galls LLC (1340 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, KY 40505, R. Michael Andrews, CFO), who will supply the Armor Express manufactured systems to include the Sereph and Razor model Systems using the NASPO Value Point Agreement 164712, State of Iowa Master Agreement 21251.
- Streicher's Inc. (10911 W Highway 55, PO Box 41398, Minneapolis, MN 55441, Jeremy Jenniges, President), who will supply the Safariland manufactured systems to include Xtreme, SX, and Hardwire using the NASPO Value Point Agreement 164720, State of Iowa Master Agreement 21235.

Two (2) National Institute of Justice threat levels (2 and 3A) were selected for protection against most common firearms. Also recommended for approval from these vendors, are external vest carriers which provide better weight distribution, employee name and "police" identification and much more space for specialized equipment, such as body camera, flashlight, tourniquet, and protective gloves.

The personal protection systems are individually cut to match employee measurements to ensure proper fit and protection; the options provided are all professional in appearance and reasonably lightweight. The systems range in cost with the City paying up to \$1,000 (to the vendor) and the employee paying the balance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$120,000

Funding Source: \$88,000 from the general operating fund
\$32,000 anticipated from the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail Ending June 30, 2023, page 191 and 200.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- NASPO Value Point Body Armor Products agreement is a government-to-government cooperative purchasing agreement in which the State of Iowa participates (Master Agreement number 16263C) indicates the equipment price has been secured through a bidding process.
- The Police Department is following industry best practices by adopting a “Mandatory Wear” policy for ballistic protection vests.
- An audit of current ballistic protection vests found many vests beyond their 5-year useful life – the industry standard to ensure adequate protection despite gradual degradation of the panels due to standard wear factors such as sweat, heat and environmental factors.
- A committee considered multiple manufacturers and models before narrowing the choices to maintain professionalism, standardization, and budget while providing for different preferences for weight, comfort, and style.
- All approved systems are rated to protect against most common handguns.
- Policy enables employees to order a replacement system as theirs approaches expiration.
- Each employee may utilize up to \$1,000 to purchase a ballistic system. If the total cost exceeds this limit, the employee pays the difference.
- Each employee will be measured by the vendor and the system will be manufactured to their specifications.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 22, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0476](#)

Action: [Galls LLC](#) (R. Michael Andrews, CFO) and Streicher’s Inc. (Jeremy Jenniges, President) for the replacement of 120 ballistic personal protective systems as requested by the Police Department per NASPO Value Point Agreement, State of Iowa Master Agreement, \$120,000. ([Council Communication No. 21-144](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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