


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>23-397</b>	Meeting:	<b>August 21, 2023</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>29</b>	Roll Call:	<b>23-1189</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Dana Wingert, Chief of Police</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of 120 ballistic personal protective systems utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint Agreement No. 164712, State of Iowa Master Agreement 21251 for the purchases from Galls LLC (1340 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, KY 40505, R. Michael Andrews, CFO) and NASPO ValuePoint Agreement No. 164720, State of Iowa Master Agreement No. 21235 for purchases from Streicher's Inc. (10911 W Highway 55, PO Box 41398, Minneapolis, MN 55441, Jeremy Jennings, President).

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase 120 fitted ballistic protection systems utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint Agreements, and State of Iowa Master Agreements from two (2) vendors: Galls LLC and Streicher's Inc. The vests are rated by the National Institute of Justice to provide recommended protection against common firearms. External carriers may be chosen in lieu of the one (1)-piece vest. These carriers include insertable plates for ballistic protection and are equipped with the MOLLE system to provide more options to carrying equipment (flashlight, tourniquet, medical gloves ...) while redistributing the weight to reduce fatigue. The ballistic protection systems will include "Police" in reflective material across the back for easy identification. Each vest will be fitted to the individual officer to provide optimal protection.

The fitted ballistic protection systems will vary in cost. The City has committed to pay up to \$1,000 of the system's cost with the employee responsible for any cost above the allotment.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$126,500

Funding Source: Multiple: \$125,000 in the general operating budget  
\$1,500 from the 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

FY24 Adopted Operating Budget, Pages 205 and 214

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- NASPO ValuePoint Body Armor Products agreement is a government-to-government cooperative purchasing agreement in which the State of Iowa participates (Master Agreement No. 21251 and No. 21235) this indicates that the equipment price has been secured through a bidding process.

- The Police Department has adopted a “Mandatory Wear” policy for ballistic protection vests.
- A committee considered multiple manufacturers and models before narrowing the choices to reasonably accommodate different preferences for weight, comfort, style, budget, and department standardization.
- The approved ballistic personal protection systems are rated to protect against most common handguns.
- Each employee may utilize up to \$1,000 to purchase a ballistic system. If the total cost exceeds this limit, the employee must pay the difference.
- Each employee will be measured by the vendor and the system will be manufactured to their specifications for best fit and optimal protection.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 8, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1276](#)

Action: [Galls](#), LLC (R. Michael Andrews, CFO) and Streicher’s Inc. (Jeremy Jenniges, President) for purchase of approximately 120 ballistic personal protective systems per NASPO ValuePoint Agreements and State of Iowa Master Agreements for use by the Police Department, \$120,000. ([Council Communication No. 22-366](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Sheumaker.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE****ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

The purchase of ballistic protective systems will continue annually.

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