


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>23-419</b>	Meeting:	<b>September 11, 2023</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>44</b>	Roll Call:	<b>23-1270</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Anna W. Whipple, CIO, Information Technology Director and John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to purchase 34 replacement Toughbook Laptops for use by the Fire Department to support the Electronic Patient Care Reporting (EPCR) process.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend purchasing 34 Panasonic Toughbook Laptops public safety bundle EPCR hardware and accessories from Kelttek Incorporated (205 N. High Street Baxter, IA, 50028, Michelle Jensen, President & CEO) using WSCA-NASPO and State of Iowa (DAS).

GuideDSM Goal: High-performing city organization.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$171,780.58

Funding Source: 2023-2024 CIP, Page 31, Fire Department - Fire Equipment Acquisition, FR013

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The EPCR system is a critical function within the Fire Department that allows personnel to complete real-time patient care reports.
- EPCR is the standard reporting system in EMS and is required by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services. The EPCR system improves the accuracy and legibility of documentation and allows EMS providers to sort and summarize prehospital data in many ways. The EPCR system requires software, previously acquired, and hardware for this action.
- The computer hardware purchased in 2018 has reached its end of life; it's essential to consider replacing it to maintain a reliable and efficient computing environment. As hardware components age, they become more prone to failures and may not support the latest software updates, leaving the system vulnerable to security risks. Upgrading to newer hardware will improve performance, compatibility with current software, and access to the latest technological features and advancements. Moreover, replacing outdated hardware can lead to reduced maintenance costs and improved overall productivity, making it a prudent investment for the long-term health of the computing infrastructure.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 10, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-1525](#)

Action: [Keltek](#) Inc. (Kelly Milligan, CEO) for Panasonic computer equipment for electronic patient care reporting per State of Iowa Contract for use by the Fire Department, \$146,520.02. ([Council Communication No. 18-444](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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