


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	24-250	Meeting:	June 15, 2023
	Agenda Item:	43	Roll Call:	24-0895
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of 120 ballistic personal protective systems utilizing the NASPO ValuePoint Agreement No. 164712, State of Iowa Master Agreement No. 21250 for the purchases from Central Lake Armor Express Inc. d/b/a Armor Express (750A Fieldcrest Road, Edan, NC 27288, James R. Henderson, Chief Executive Officer), 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: Central Lake Armor Express d/b/a Armor Express, and Safariland LLC through its authorized distributor 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 provides more options to carrying equipment (i.e., 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 paying up to \$1,000 of the system’s cost with the employee responsible for any cost above the allotment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$125,000

Funding Source: General Operating Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Adopted Operating Budget, Page 181

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 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.
- The 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 21, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1189](#)

Action: [Purchase](#) of ballistic personal protective systems from Galls, LLC (R. Michael Andrews, CFO) and Streicher’s Inc. (Jeremy Jennings, President) and approving use of NASPO ValuePoint Agreement and State of Iowa Master Agreement for use by the Police Department, estimated annual cost \$126,500. ([Council Communication No. 23-397](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

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.

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 ValuePoint 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:

The quantity of ballistic personal protection systems may vary each year to meet the needs of the department.

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