


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-048	Meeting:	February 10, 2025
	Agenda Item:	31	Roll Call:	25-0197
	Submitted by:	Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Request approval to purchase police emergency vehicle equipment per the State of Iowa Contracts No. 24088 and MNWNC-124 NASPO State of Iowa Participating Addendum, Whelen 21309A through its authorized distributor Keltek Inc. (205 N. High Street, Baxter, IA 50028), a division of Rayser Holdings Inc. (Michelle Jensen, President and CEO).

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department recommends approval to purchase standard emergency response equipment for the new police marked vehicles and prisoner transporting vehicle. The Police Department will reuse existing equipment whenever possible. However, changes in vehicle interior space and the extent of use of the existing equipment, has dictated the amount of new equipment required to make the vehicles functional to provide the services to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$219,452.27

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Adopted Operating Budget, Police, Planning and Budget Office, Page 214

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The equipment is being procured through the competitively bid process using the State of Iowa Contracts No. 24088 and MNWNC-124 NASPO State of Iowa addendum, Whelen 21309A through its authorized distributor Keltek Inc.
- The Municipal Code Section 2-726(k) provides for the purchase of goods and/or services from supply schedules established by the State of Iowa without conforming to the competitive bidding requirements of the Procurement Ordinance.
- Each piece of equipment requested for purchase will be installed in patrol vehicles to enhance officer safety and efficiency:
 - The emergency light bar and siren increase safety for the officers and other drivers by visually and audibly alerting drivers to an approaching emergency response vehicle.

- The console contains operational switches for the emergency lights, siren, and mobile data equipment.
- The equipment tray is installed to hold printers and wireless connectivity equipment in a stable location to prevent damage from sliding or shifting.
- Gun racks to secure weapons by providing proper storage and help to prevent theft while allowing officers quick access to their guns when needed.
- The aluminum push bumper is installed over the standard front bumper of the vehicle. The added aluminum barrier provides additional safety for the officer by reinforcing the front of the vehicle to withstand contact with other vehicles.
- The protection barrier is placed behind the vehicle front seats to protect the officers from being kicked, hit, or bitten while transporting individuals in the rear seat of the vehicle.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 18, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-0432](#)

Action: [Purchase](#) from Keltek, Inc. (Michelle Jensen, President and CEO) of emergency vehicle equipment per State of Iowa Contracts, NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement and State of Iowa Participating Addendum for use by the Police Department, \$252,637.16. ([Council Communication No. 24-102](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 6-0.

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

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