

Date January 9, 2023

APPROVING THE USE OF AWARDED FUNDING, APPROVING THE USE OF THE STATE OF IOWA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DETECTION PROTECTIVE SUITS AND CHEMICAL PROTECTION MASKS WITH SAFEWARE INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has been awarded the 2022 EOD Homeland Security Grant from the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department in the amounts of \$374,318.00 on behalf of the statewide Explosive Ordnance Detection Teams; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested the Finance Department's Procurement Division issue a purchase order for the purchase of Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) protective suits and chemical protection masks; and

WHEREAS, the current protective suits were purchased in 2015 and have reached the end of the recommended period of seven (7) years. The new suit incorporates new technology that increases the technician's ability to move more naturally and freely. The enhanced mobility feature of the suits is vital to the efficiency and effectiveness in mitigating an explosive device especially if there is a known time element. The suit includes a newly designed helmet with increased protection, better fit and a voice command system to allow the officer using the suit to communicate with other officers located behind the safety perimeter. The communication system has an electronic countermeasure to protect from the accidental detonation of a radio-controlled device. The helmet is also equipped with a face shield that incorporates anti-fog and anti-scratch protection with a built-in searchlight to increase visibility.

WHEREAS, seven (7) Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) protective suits are being purchased from Safeware, Inc. (4403 Forbes Blvd., Lanham Seabrook, Maryland 20706, Edward A Simons, President) in the amount of \$374,313.78; and

WHEREAS, funding is available from 2022 EOD Homeland Security Grant, Special Revenues and Other Funding Page 200 of the Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail for Fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, Municipal Code section 2-726 (k) provides for the procurement of goods and/or services from contracts established by the State of Iowa Department of Administrative Services, the Iowa Department of Transportation, or the Iowa Communications Network pursuant to procedures established by Iowa Code Chapter 8A and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, without conforming to the competitive bidding requirements of the Procurement Division; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, accepts and approves the purchase of seven (7) Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD)



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protective suits and masks from Safeware, Inc. in the amount of \$374,313.78 using the 2022 EOD Homeland Security Grant is hereby accepted and approved.

(Council Communication No. 23- 013)

Moved by Boesen to adopt.

Second by Gatto

Approved as to form:

/s Megan Norberg
Megan Norberg, Assistant City Attorney

Table with 5 columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, BOESEN, GATTO, SHEUMAKER, MANDELBAUM, VOSS, WESTERGAARD, and TOTAL (6 yeas, 1 nay).

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
T.M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk