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SUBJECT—

Award of Bid V05-119, Police Department Surveillance Equipment

SYNOPSIS—

The Police Department is participating in the 2004 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. Part of the program includes a Fusion Grant which provides funding for the police department to gather information on suspected terrorist activity and exchange information with other law enforcement agencies in approximately a twenty-county area. As part of this program, a surveillance vehicle is employed to observe and confirm suspected radical activity. This vehicle requires specialized equipment to complete the mission of the intelligence gathering team. A formal bid process was initiated by the Purchasing Department to acquire a qualified vendor to provide equipment and installation services. Seven vendors were sent bid invitations and two vendors submitted proposals. The Emergency Management Equipment Company of Salt Lake City, Utah submitted the low dollar bid, however, they did not meet the specifications. Sirchie Finger Print Labs at 612 Gravely Hollow Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055, Anthony Saggiomo, Vice President was the low compliant bidder. This company met all of the required specifications and it is recommended that the City Council award this bid to the Sirchie Finger Print Labs

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$70,222. All surveillance equipment purchased will be reimbursed to the City of Des Moines by the Fusion Grant.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The City of Des Moines Police Department is participating with Federal authorities and the State of Iowa Homeland Security Program in administering a Fusion Grant, which was designed to provide equipment to local law enforcement personnel assigned intelligence-gathering tasks. As part of this program, a surveillance vehicle is employed to observe and confirm possible terrorist activity. A vehicle from the current police fleet has been identified and now requires installation of the specialized surveillance equipment. Bid invitations and specifications were sent to seven qualified vendors. Two of these vendors submitted proposals. The low dollar bidder is Emergency Management Equipment Company, 2064 West Alexander Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119. Their cost proposal was \$64,500.00, however, they did not meet mandatory specifications. This company cannot provide a redundant power system, heating regulation, some audio-visual equipment, and flexible lighting requirements.

Sirchie Finger Print Labs at \$70,222.00, submitted the low compliant proposal. This company is highly experienced in this type of customization and meets all specifications. It is recommended that Sirchie Finger Print Labs be awarded the contract for their equipment and installation of said equipment. The 2004 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant will reimburse all costs associated with this equipment.