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SUBJECT—

Approval of Polk County Ammunition Bid and City's funding share.

SYNOPSIS—

Through the recent collaboration between Polk County and the City of Des Moines, ammunition acquisition was identified as an area conducive for sharing resources. A bidding process was completed by the Polk County Department of General Services for duty and practice ammunition. The low compliant bid for duty and practice ammunition was submitted by UltraMax (2112 Elk Vale Road, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701), and the low compliant bid for shotgun ammunition was submitted by Gil Hebard Guns (125 Public Square, Knoxville, Illinois 61448). Before the Polk County General Services can complete the order, the City Council must approve the City's share of the purchase and the successful vendors.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Staff has developed a formula to share the costs of this contract. The City, which is the largest user of the ammunition order, will pay the total cost for those ammunition calibers used only by the City. The City will contribute 60 percent of the cost for those calibers shared by the County. The total cost to the City under this formula will be \$68,588.15. The Polk County share is \$20,472.56. Funding for the City's share of the ammunition purchase is available in the Police Academy Budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

In an effort to reduce duplication of services between Polk County and the City of Des Moines, members of the Polk County Board of Supervisors and the City Council meet on a regular basis to discuss and identify areas where both government agencies can benefit by combining efforts. One area identified as a possible combined effort was the purchase of law enforcement ammunition for both the Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Staff from both law enforcement agencies identified the annual amount and types of calibers needed for duty and practice ammunition. The Polk County General Services Department conducted a sealed bid process and presented the results to City purchasing staff. Two low compliant vendors were identified and for a total bid amount of \$89,060.71. Before initiating the bid, staff determined that the City would be using the majority of the ammunition bid. The City agreed to pay for those calibers used only by the City. Those calibers shared with the Polk County Sheriff would be shared on a 60/40 cost-sharing split. The split was based upon the estimated usage amounts consumed by both agencies. This percentage of payment is to be reviewed every year for accuracy and equitable cost expenditures.