

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 15, 2017

To: The City Manager

From: Jerry Bates, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Adoption of Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for a Mobile Command Vehicle and the Sale of Trade-In Property.

Summary of Information:

The Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) has a need to replace the 1995 Thomas Built mobile Police Station with 13,068 miles (acquired cost \$70,000 and accumulated maintenance and repair costs \$16,988). When purchased in 1995 the vehicle was in-line with the needs of a police vehicle of this type; however the world, threats, and needs have greatly evolved and changed while this vehicle has not. This vehicle was not designed as a functional incident command vehicle to meet today's needs. The challenges now faced in managing a major event/scene now include unified communications through command, technological connectivity, command and informational security as well as others. Currently, the WSPD utilizes open spaces such as parking lots, business and church spaces donated by our community partners as well as other makeshift locations which do little to address the needs mentioned above.

Along with these needs comes the technological infrastructure provided by a true command/control vehicle that include: video linking, communications support systems (wired, satellite, and data), periscopic pole camera, retractable lighting for scene security and illumination, external monitors linking to technological infrastructure for group briefings and real-time event tracking, operational command space, and support equipment.

Mobile Command Vehicle supports the mission of the WSPD through utilization as an on-site platform for command and control of communications during any event of any size and/or longevity. The Mobile Command Vehicle would be deployed and utilized in Winston-Salem as an Incident Command tool in the following situations:

Scheduled Events: National Black Theatre Festival, Dixie Classic Fair, Winston-Salem Cycling Classic, political rallies, etc.

Crime Scene Management: motor vehicle fatalities, homicide and robbery scenes, hostage and/or barricade scenes, etc.

Joint Agency Unified Command: large fire or chemical spills, natural disasters: hurricane (tornadoes, snowstorms, etc), terrorist or other mass casualty events.

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Remarks:

Matthews Specialty Vehicles, Inc. submitted a quotation dated April 21, 2017, for a used 2007 Freightliner MT-55 Chassis (picture follows Resolution) that is fully equipped to meet the necessary requirements detailed above for the cost of \$200,000. Additionally, Matthews Specialty Vehicles, Inc. has offered \$35,000 as trade-in for the current 1995 Thomas Built Mobile Police Station, making the total cost for the 2007 Freightliner MT-55 mobile command vehicle \$165,000.

It is recommended a purchase order for a used 2007 Freightliner MT-55 Chassis fully equipped to meet the necessary requirements detailed above per quotation dated April 21, 2017, be awarded to Matthews Specialty Vehicles, Inc. in the amount of \$200,000 less trade-in \$35,000 making the total award amount \$165,000. The FY 2016-17 capital equipment budget includes sufficient funds for this purchase.

This recommendation is based upon provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(10) which provides that formal bid requirements do not apply to used purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment. This recommendation is also in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-129.7, which provides "...the awarding authority may award a contract for both the purchase of the apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment and the sale of trade-in property taking into consideration the amount offered on the trade-in when applying the criteria for award..."

M/WBE comment: There are no known area minority or woman-owned companies that sell this equipment.

Workforce Demographics: See Exhibit A