

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: October 12, 2020

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Catrina Thompson, Chief of Police
Jerry Bates, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Awarding a Purchase Order for Armor Ballistic Vests

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence
Strategic Objective: Ensure Service Delivery Efficiency and Effectiveness
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:
 The Winston-Salem Police Department has the need to purchase 152 armor ballistic vests as replacements for vests that are approaching warranty expiration. After extensive research and testing of several vests, the Safariland brand vest was selected and has been worn by City Police Officers for the past several years.

After receiving bids, the State of North Carolina awarded term contract 680C to Safariland, LLC for armor ballistic vests. Lawmen's Distribution, LLC, located in Raleigh, NC, and the authorized distributor in the State of North Carolina for the Safariland brand has submitted quotation #SQ-297809 for the 152 vests at the cost of \$853.95 each for total amount of \$129,800.40.

The FY 2020-21 operations budget includes appropriate funds for this purchase; therefore, it is recommended that a purchase order for the 152 armor ballistic vests at a cost of \$853.95 each be awarded to Lawmen's Distribution, LLC in the total amount of \$129,800.40 per quotation #SQ-297809. This recommendation is in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-129(e)(9): "The [bidding] requirements of this article do not apply to...purchases from contracts established by the state or any agency of the state, if the contractor is willing to extend to a political subdivision of the state the same or more favorable prices, terms, or conditions as established in the state contract."

M/WBE comment: Lawmen's Distribution, LLC is the authorized distributor for this purchase.

Workforce Demographics: See Exhibit A

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 10/12/2020	Action	Approval
	Public Safety 10/12/2020		
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:			