

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 12, 2022

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

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager
 Catrina Thompson, Chief of Police
 Shantell McClam, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:
 Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Laptop Computers

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 City of Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) received quotations for the purchase of 90 Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged Laptop computers to replace outdated units used in patrol vehicles. Currently, 172 laptops are over five years old, which is beyond the industry standard replacement of three years. The Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged Laptop is the recommended replacement for patrol vehicles based upon standardization and compatibility to existing mounting equipment in vehicles and camera and GPS configurations.

After receiving bids, the State of North Carolina awarded term contract 204-B to Dell Marketing L.P. for laptop computers. The state contract total price for all equipment requested is \$277,543.59 per quotation #3000130240046.1; however, by taking advantage of this bulk purchase, WSPD staff obtained a quote to purchase 90 Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged Laptop computers through the North Carolina Dell Marketing representative per quotation #3000130081685.1 for the total cost of \$224,860.48.

It is recommended that a purchase order for 90 Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged Laptop computers per quotation #3000130081685.1 be awarded to Dell Marketing L.P. in the amount of \$224,860.48.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 9/12/22 Public Safety 9/12/22	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

This recommendation is based upon provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6), which provides that formal bid requirements do not apply to purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.”

The purchase of 90 Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged Laptop computers in the amount of \$224,860.48 will be financed through the North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation with funding for the lease payments available in the General Fund FY 2022-23 budget.