

**City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** February 19, 2018

**To:** The City Manager

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

**Council Action Requested:**

Adoption of 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 120 armor ballistic vests as replacements for vests which 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. Lawmen's Distribution, LLC, located in Raleigh, NC, and the sole authorized distributor in the State of North Carolina for the Safariland brand has submitted a quotation for the 120 vests at the cost of \$835 each for total amount of \$100,200.

The FY 2017-18 operations budget includes appropriate funds for this purchase; therefore, it is recommended that a purchase order for the 120 armor ballistic vests at a cost of \$835 each be awarded to Lawmen's Distribution, LLC in the total amount of \$100,200.

This recommendation is based upon N.C.G.S. 143-129(e) which provides that formal bid requirements do not apply to purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when performance or price competition are not available; when a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or when standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.”

M/WBE comment: Lawmen's Distribution, LLC is the sole source provider for this purchase.

Workforce Demographics: See Exhibit A.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	Finance 2/12/2018	<b>Action</b>	Approval
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**Remarks:**