

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: June 19, 2017

To: The City Manager

From: Jerry Bates, Purchasing Director

Council Action Requested:

Adoption of Resolution Awarding Purchase Order for Police Armor Ballistic Vests.

Summary of Information:

The Winston-Salem Police Department has the need to purchase 39 police 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 few years. Lawmen's Distribution, LLC, Raleigh, NC, is the sole authorized distributor in the State of North Carolina for the Safariland brand. Lawmen's Distribution, LLC has submitted a quotation for the 39 vests at the cost of \$835 each for total amount of \$32,565.

The FY 2016-17 operations budget includes appropriate funds for this purchase; therefore, it is recommended that a purchase order for the 39 vests at a cost of \$835 each be awarded to Lawmen's Distribution, LLC in the total amount of \$32,565.

This recommendation is based upon provisions of 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:

Committee	Finance 6/12/17	Action	Approval
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Remarks: