City Council – Action Request Form

Date:	March 19, 2019
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 175 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.

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 175 vests at the cost of $835 each for total amount of $146,125.

The FY 2018-19 operations budget includes appropriate funds for this purchase; therefore, it is recommended that a purchase order for the 175 armor ballistic vests at a cost of $835 each be awarded to Lawmen's Distribution, LLC in the total amount of $146,125 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 3/18/19 Public Safety 3/18/2019	**Action**	Approval
For	Unanimous	**Against**	

Remarks: