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## RESOLUTION AWARDING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR VEHICLE LIGHTING AND INTERNAL EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, after due advertisement, bids were received and publicly opened by the City/County Purchasing Department at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2020, for the purchase of vehicle lighting and internal equipment to upfit Ford Interceptor police vehicles for the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD); and

**WHEREAS**, bid specifications required unit pricing for the lighting package, K9 Kennel package, and internal equipment package, and the following bids were received:

	City/State	<u>Total Bid</u>
Batteries of NC, LLC	Angier, NC Stafford, TX	\$358,577.88
PKJ International, LLC	Stafford, TX	699,699.00
Ilderton Conversion Co.		
dba Ilderton Emergency Lighting	High Point, NC	198,122.94
West Chatham Warning Devices, Inc.	Savannah, GA	199,482.41
B&G Electronics & Communications, Inc.	Dover, NC	27,481.45

WHEREAS, Batteries of NC, LLC and PKJ International, LLC submitted complete bids for all items and Ilderton Emergency Lighting, West Chatham Warning Devices, Inc., and B & G Warning Devices, Inc. submitted partial bids; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Batteries of NC, LLC offered the lowest cost for the lighting and internal equipment packages and West Chatham Warning Devices, Inc. submitted the lowest bid of \$18,975.95 for the K9 Kennel package compared to \$19,642.80 submitted Batteries of NC, LLC, a cost difference of \$666.85; and

WHEREAS, WSPD requests the K9 Kennel package, be purchased from Batteries of NC, LLC, to avoid receiving items to complete the upfit from two sources, to avoid confusion when dealing with two vendors in reference to warranties, providing services when needed, and

to reduce shipping cost; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a contract be awarded to Batteries of NC, LLC for the purchase of vehicle lighting and internal equipment per bid specifications to upfit Ford Interceptor police vehicles for WSPD, in the estimated amount of \$358,577.88.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem that a contract for vehicle lighting and internal equipment per bid specifications, to upfit Ford Interceptor police vehicles is hereby awarded to Batteries of NC, LLC, in the estimated amount of \$358,577.88.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of this contract constitutes a preliminary determination as to the qualifications of the bidder. The City is not legally bound to perform the contract until the contract is duly executed by the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this purchase is included in the FY 2020-21 capital budget and will be financed through the North Carolina Municipal Leasing Corporation.