



Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Procurement and Contracts on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, recommending the Board approve the following:

- 1) Award Bid 16-680-025 for the purchase of Small-Medium (Category I) and Medium-Large (Category II) Ground Based Robots to the low qualified bidders, ICOR Technology, Inc of Ottawa ON, Canada (Category I) and Cobham, of Davenport, IA (Category II); and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue two purchase orders to the Bid awardees in the amounts of \$43,440 and \$297,505, for a total amount of \$340,946 plus applicable sales tax.

FUNDING: General Fund.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Award the bid and authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue two purchase orders to the low qualified bidders.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The previous robots were destroyed as a result of a structural fire during a SWAT mission. The department has received approximately \$209,000 as an insurance settlement to

Both robots are frequently utilized and highly effective pieces of equipment. They are mainly used for threat assessments and for identification and disposal of suspicious packages and materials. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office utilizes Robots to assist the County's Environmental Management Department when called to identify potentially hazardous materials.

At the request of the Sheriff's Office, Procurement and Contracts issued an Invitation to Bid for two robots, one Small-Medium Ground Based robot for the Special Weapons and Tactical (SWAT) Team, and one Medium-Large Ground Base Robot for the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Unit. Two bids were received, none from local vendors.

ALTERNATIVES

Without the robots, the Sheriff's EOD Unit will have to discontinue its operations since they are required to maintain a robotics platform to maintain status as an accredited Public Safety Bomb Squad (PSBS) through the FBI, which is the governmental entity responsible for training and oversight of the PSBS's nationally.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The department has received an insurance settlement of approximately \$208,802 and will receive an addition \$5,457 once proof of purchase is supplied. These funds will help offset the purchase price of \$340,946 for the new robots. This funding was included in the Sheriff's FY 2015-16 approved budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

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