



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Chief Russ Mager, Police Department
THROUGH: Terrence R. Moore, ICMA-CM
DATE: September 19, 2022

RESOLUTION 166-22 APPROVING SPEER AND FEDERAL AMMUNITION AS A CITY STANDARD AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO FLORIDA BULLET, INC., AS A SOLE SOURCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AMMUNITION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve Resolution 166-22 approving SPEER and Federal Ammunition as City Standard and authorizing the issuance of a Purchase Order to Florida Bullet, Inc., as a sole source for the purchase of law enforcement ammunition in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 for FY 2022-2023.

Background:

Ammunition is a requirement for law enforcement agencies. Standardization of ammunition is very important to maintain consistency for officer training and weapon performance. As such, it is necessary for the Police Department to use only one kind of ammunition for duty use and comparable ammunition for training. When selecting ammunition, factors that are considered include the casing, bullet weight, propellant, toxicity (of airborne fragments subsequent to fire), and bonding.

The SPEER/Federal ammunition was selected through Department testing, research of ballistic results from a study by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the ballistics of the training ammunition is very similar to duty ammunition. Additionally, SPEER/Federal ignition powder comes from a patented Clean-fire primer that contains no lead, barium or antimony. The lead core of the bullets is encased in a seamless metal jacket so powder gases can't burn lead off the bullet base; unlike regular ammunition where the caps can loosen and leak lead.

Florida Bullet is a sole source vendor for SPEER/Federal ammunition and the Delray Beach Police Department has been utilizing the same manufacturer of ammunition for over ten years. This issuance of a purchase order is for ammunition for training and on-duty use by police officers as well as ammunition for the SWAT unit for fiscal year 2022-2023.

On October 20, 2015, the City Commission approved Florida Bullet Inc. as a sole source vendor for ammunition in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 36, Section 36.02 (C) (6) (a), "Sole Source".

City Attorney Review:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

Funding is available from account numbers 001-21-110-521-52.20 (General Fund: General Operating Supplies) and 001-21-150-521-52.29 (General Fund: SWAT Expenditures) pending approval of FY 2022-2023 budget.

Time Sensitive:

N/A