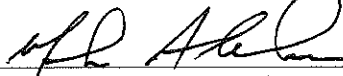
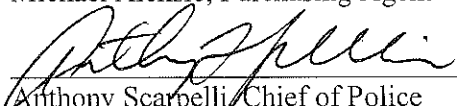


MEMORANDUM
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TO: John T. Lockerby, Village Manager

FROM: 
Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent


Anthony Scarpelli, Chief of Police

DATE: February 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Agenda Item – February 18, 2014 Village Board Meeting
Community Outreach Mobile Substation Purchase

BACKGROUND

The FY14 CIP budget contains \$285,000 for the purchase of a Community Outreach Police Substation (COPS). The COPS vehicle will be used to support a myriad of public safety programs and operations, educational outreach opportunities, and community services. The vehicle will feature meeting space and communications equipment. The mobile substation will benefit both the Village and residents by having an immediate and positive impact on the way services are currently delivered. This multi-purpose vehicle will be utilized in conjunction with crime prevention activities, special events, and other community outreach efforts. It will also capably serve as a mobile booking facility and as a command post for DUI checkpoints, critical incidents, civil disturbances, actual disasters or other emergencies.

The primary advantage of having a substation that is mobile is that it allows both rapid and pre-planned deployment of the resource when, where, and for as long as it is needed, rather than being land-based and static at a location that may no longer possess a demonstrable need for the resource.

Budget Amount & Account Number: \$285,000 020-0420-418.07-42 #H32109

TABULATION:

LDV Inc., Burlington, WI. \$282,617.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a contract for the design, construction and delivery of a COPS vehicle be awarded on a sole source basis to LDV Inc. in the amount of \$282,617. LDV Inc. is the industry leader in the production of custom emergency response and specialty vehicles; having produced over 15,000 such vehicles over the past 30 years. Pricing for the vehicle is pursuant to GSA 1 unit discounted pricing and is extremely competitive.

COMMENTS:

When the Police Department began researching mobile substations, Commander Brian Baker was consulted due to his experience working directly in numerous mobile command vehicles. Commander Baker has spent over a thousand hours working in such vehicles that have included the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division III Communications Vehicle, two generations of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Emergency Services Team (NIPAS EST) mobile command post, Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) incident command vehicle and the Illinois Joint Terrorism Task Force Unified Command Post. Commander Baker consulted with the law enforcement entities involved in procuring these specialty vehicles and learned that the most recent versions of all of the above mobile command vehicles were manufactured by LDV, Inc. LDV was chosen because they are by far the industry leader in the design, manufacture and service of this type of vehicle. LDV custom builds every part of their vehicle upon a specified manufacturer's chassis (in this case a Freightliner MT-55), this enables LDV to control 100% the customization of any vehicle as well as control the quality of every part. LDV builds and delivers specialty vehicles to governments all over the world.

In addition to delivering a product that no other competitor can equal in the industry, LDV is located in Burlington Wisconsin, just 65 miles from Skokie. This allows direct manufacturer service of the vehicle which would be impossible through other competitors without a substantial delay and cost. The next closest manufacturer of mobile command posts that are able to be compared to LDV are located in Columbus, Ohio. Chief Scarpelli and Commander Baker have both toured the LDV production facility.

LDV also builds their vehicles in such a way that they can be easily upgraded at points in the future when technology has changed and additions are required to the vehicle. This combined with their proximity will allow the useful life of the vehicle to be extended with upgrades at a much lesser cost than replacement.

The COPS Vehicle will be built on a modified mobile command post-type platform with a significant portion of the interior of the vehicle designed as a meeting space for community outreach purposes. The vehicle will also have command center capabilities. Production of the vehicle is expected to be completed by mid-summer 2014, and the useful life of the vehicle is estimated at twenty years. Renderings of the vehicle are attached.