

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 27, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to purchase new factory ammunition for the Reno Police Department from Salt Lake Wholesale Sports utilizing the Joinder provision of NRS 332.195 and the Nevada State Contract 99SWC-NV23-15157 in an amount not to exceed \$324,474. (General Fund)

From: Kathryn Nance, Chief of Police

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Staff recommends Council authorization to purchase new factory ammunition from Salt Lake Wholesale Sports in an amount not to exceed \$324,474 utilizing the Joinder provision in the Nevada State Contract 99SWC-NV23-15157 as allowed under NRS 332.195.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

Council previously approved two annual ammunition purchases in Calendar Year 2021. The first of these, for FY 21-22, was approved at the August 25, 2021 Council Meeting, (Item B.5). The second, for FY 22-23, was approved at the October 27, 2021 Council Meeting, (Item B.5) to benefit from lower pricing in the existing Joinder Agreement.

Background:

The Police Department uses the ammunition for training as well as field operations. This ammunition is specific to each type of weapon used by the Police Department. The department maintains a wide variety of weapons in order to respond to any potential threat to the safety and welfare to members of the Reno community. It is important to note that ammunition prices increased dramatically during and after the coronavirus pandemic due to a variety of factors, including nationwide ammunition shortages, unprecedented demand, a disrupted supply chain and a global copper shortage.

Discussion:

Each officer is required to maintain a high level of proficiency on the various weapons used by the department. Purchases of these materials are made on an as-needed basis to maintain an adequate inventory as well as to maintain the officers' level of proficiency range practice. All new factory ammunition will be purchased from Salt Lake Wholesale Sports utilizing the Joinder provision in Nevada State Contract 99SWC-NV23-15157, as allowed under NRS 332.195. The vendor has agreed to the Joinder. The items listed as special pricing cover equipment that are used for specialized training or specific response needs, and are either omitted from the State bid or provided at lower price to the Reno Police Department.

Financial Implications:

Funds are currently available in the approved Fiscal Year (FY) 23-24 Police Department budget.

Legal Implications:

NRS 332.195 allows for local governments to use the Joinder provision of bids from other government agencies. Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada Law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council authorization to purchase new factory ammunition from Salt Lake Wholesale Sports in an amount not to exceed \$324,474 utilizing the Joinder provision in the Nevada State Contract 99SWC-NV23-15157, as allowed under NRS 332.195 and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the necessary purchase orders.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the necessary purchase orders.

Attachments:

Ammunition Detail