

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – POLICE UTILITY PATROL VEHICLES

BACKGROUND:

Several Police patrol vehicles are nearing their scheduled replacement. A request for bids was advertised by the City to replace three standard patrol vehicles and the Patrol Commander’s vehicle. This will allow the Patrol Commander to drive a vehicle identical to the rest of the patrol, allowing for greater flexibility for the Police Department.

Bids were received from dealers as follows:

Bidder	Description	Price per Unit	Total
Ames Ford Lincoln	Ford Police Interceptor Utility	\$27,360	\$109,440
Stiver’s Ford Lincoln	Ford Police Interceptor Utility	\$28,084	\$112,336
Charles Gabus Ford	Ford Police Interceptor Utility	\$28,365	\$113,460

The low bid for the four Ford Interceptor Utilities was Ames Ford Lincoln of Ames, Iowa in the amount of \$109,440.

Funding for the four police vehicles is available in Fleet Replacement Fund. The Patrol Commander’s existing car will be rotated to replace one of the vehicles in the investigation unit which will be sold.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve and award this contract to Ames Ford Lincoln of Ames, for four Ford Interceptor Utilities for \$109,440
2. Reject award of bid.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These vehicle purchases are consistent with the recommendations that were developed after evaluating the use of Utility vehicles for Police patrol. The upgrading of the Patrol Commander's car will provide uniformity and flexibility to the Police patrol fleet.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.