

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – POLICE CARS**

BACKGROUND:

Nine marked and lighted police squad cars are provided for law enforcement services. New cars typically can be ordered from the manufacturer only between October and March each year. The City's squad cars are replaced on a 25 month cycle; with new cars being put into service on a staggered schedule throughout the year.

Three cars are scheduled to be replaced in the next 12 months. Bids have been taken for the new 2014 Ford Interceptor police cars with all-wheel drive (AWD) as approved by Council on February 12, 2013. Bids were received as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
Ames Ford Lincoln	2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor	\$24,863
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Stivers Ford Lincoln, Waukee	2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor	\$25,330

All three bids meet the requirements of the specification. Ames Ford Lincoln, Ames, IA has tendered the lowest responsive bid.

The fleet replacement fund will have \$261,203 cash on hand December 31 to finance purchase of squad cars. The portion of this balance to be used for this purchase is for three cars at \$24,863 each, or a total of \$74,589.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Award the bid to Ames Ford Lincoln, Ames, IA, for three 2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor sedans at \$24,863 each, for a total of \$74,589 with delivery in mid-March.
2. Reject these bids and re-bid.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These competitive bids allow for three 2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor Sedans to be purchased to fill the Police Department's anticipated squad car needs during 2014. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No.1 as described above.