



Staff Report

Purchase of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Command Vehicle for the Police Department, Project 23-0198

City Council Meeting Date: 06-27-2023 | Action Being Considered: Minute Order

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve the purchase of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Command Vehicle with Blackstone Tower Partners, LLC, dba Draxxon, of McLeansboro, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Draxxon is not a MWBE firm.

PRIOR BOARD OR COUNCIL ACTION

None.

ANALYSIS

This purchase is for an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Command Vehicle. The UAS Command Vehicle will be available to support the public safety and homeland security mission of the police department. It will allow for police UAS pilots to better serve the community by increasing the efficiency of UAS deployments, increasing the situational awareness of patrol commanders, and the protection of UAS batteries.

Bid closed:	May 25, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Vendors notified through the IonWave:	327
MWBE Vendors notified through IonWave:	80
Vendors responding to bid request:	3
MWBE Vendors responding to bid request:	0
MWBE:	No
Procurement Method:	Lowest Responsible, Responsive Bidder

VENDOR	MWBE	Total
Blackstone Tower Partners, LLC, dba Draxxon McLeansboro, IL	No	\$150,000
Gerling Associates, Inc. Sunbury, OH	No	\$239,943
TechOps Speciality Vehicles, LLC Stevensville, MD	No	\$243,916

Name of Prime Vendor	Blackstone Tower Partners, LLC, dba Draxxon McLeansboro, IL
Total Contract Value	\$150,000
Prime Vendor's M/WBE Status	None
Dollar Amount of Prime Vendor's Self-Performance	\$150,000
Percentage Amount of Prime Vendor's Self-Performance	100%
Total MWBE Participation	\$0 (0%)

This solicitation was reviewed by the Office of Business Diversity for available MWBE opportunities according to the City's MWBE Policy & Procedures Manual. There were limited MWBE opportunities available for the goods requested, therefore, no contract specific goal was recommended.

Blackstone Tower Partners, LLC, dba Draxxon, has opted to self-perform the entire scope of the work.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Blackstone Tower Partners, LLC, dba Draxxon, returned the lowest responsible, responsive bid, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000. This is a one-time purchase. The projected financial impact is as follows:

<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>
\$150,000	\$0	\$0

Funds are budgeted in UASI 21 Soft Target Hardening Account No. CC228601-GR000430-SC2021.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attached:	None
Under separate cover:	None
Available in the Purchasing Division:	Bid file
Form 1295:	Requested
MWBE:	No

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