R-21-160

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SKYCOP, INC., A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, FOR THE PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-303 requires City purchases exceeding the amount of $35,000 to follow statutory procedures of local advertisement and opening of sealed bids which may only be waived in exceptional situations where bidding is deemed not feasible or practical; and

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock Police Department ("NLRPD") is in need of license plate reader ("LPR") cameras, which are mounted on poles that capture the numbers and letters of license plates on still or moving vehicles; and

WHEREAS, all LPR camera vendors require use of their specific cameras in order to be compatible with their system; and

WHEREAS, the NLRPD uses the City of Little Rock's LPR Server, who uses SkyCop, Inc. as their LPR camera reader; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously authorized the waiver of formal bidding requirements for the purchase of LPR cameras from SkyCop, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the NLRPD is requesting the purchase and installation of eleven (11) additional cameras from SkyCop, Inc. at a total price of Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four and 62/100 Dollars ($99,834,62) including tax, in order to be compatible with the LRPD's LPR server (see Quote from Skycop, Inc. attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the City has applied for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program ("Program"), which will reimburse the purchase of the cameras and associated equipment, with no matching funds required from the City (see Program Overview and Application attached hereto as Exhibit B.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That formal bidding is hereby waived in connection with the purchase of LPR cameras from SkyCop, Inc. for a total amount of Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four and 62/100 Dollars ($99,834.62), contingent on funding through the BJA Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program.

SECTION 2: That the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

Terry C Hartwick

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED 10:35 A.M. _____ P.M.

By A. Fields

DATE 10-19-21

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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EXHIBIT
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Quote

Quote Date: 09/24/2021

Quote Number: 3970
Quote/Project:North Little Rock September 2021 Skycop Quote
Payment Terms:
Expiration Date: 02/01/2022

Quote Prepared For

Ben Tullos
North Little Rock Police Department
2525 N. Main Street
North Little Rock , AR 72116
Phone:501-791-8526
Ben.Tullos@nlrpolice.org

Quote Prepared By

Sales Account
SCI TECHNOLOGIES INC.
3736 Getwell Cove
Memphis, Tennessee 38118
Phone:
Fax:
sales@skycopinc.com

Item#	Quantity	Item	Unit Price	Unit Discount	Adjusted Unit Price	Extended Price
One-Time Items						
1)	11	Skycop LPR Enclosure SkyCop License Plate Capture Camera Enclosure Includes: Antenna Enclosure Verizon Certified LTE Router Power Supplies Misc. Hardware Connection License	$8,218.50	$246.56	$7,971.95	$87,691.40
2)	1	Technical Support Onsite Technician Support during Installation. Includes travel time, labor time, and travel expense per day	$3,900.00		$3,900.00	$3,900.00

One-Time Subtotal	**$91,591.40**
Taxable	**$8,243.23**
County (3%)	$2,747.74
State (6%)	$5,495.48
Total Taxes	**$8,243.23**
One-Time Total	**$99,834.62**
Total	**$99,834.62**

Authorizing Signature _____

Date _____

Interest Charges on Past Due Accounts and Collection Costs Overdue amounts shall be subject to a monthly finance charge. In addition, customer shall reimburse all costs and expenses for attorney's fees incurred in collecting any amounts past due. Additional training or Professional Services can be provided at our standard rates.

EXHIBIT B

NORTHERN AND MIDDLE STATES RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BJA Bureau of Justice Assistance U.S. Department of Justice

Program Overview and Application

Overview of Funding Opportunity

Small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies in the northern and middle region of the United Sates represent a significant portion of this nation's law enforcement. The large geographical area, coupled with the general challenges of limited staffing, equipment, training, and technical assistance, make the need for additional resources critical for the success of these agencies.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program is a new initiative designed to provide resources through subawards to small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies located in the northern and middle regions of the United States. This initiative will support efforts in addressing precipitous increases in all types of crime unique to this region, to include human trafficking, sexual assault, extorsion, gang activity, murder, drug trafficking, and other forms of violent crime.

Program Purposes

The purposes for the subawards under this program are to:

- Improve the agency's investigative, intelligence, and/or interdiction capabilities.
- Enhance information sharing, including investigative and intelligence data sharing with other agencies.
- Enable agencies to participate in projects within the northern and middle region of the United States.
- Assist in projects/initiatives unique to an agency or its region.
- Improve dedicated communications capabilities.
- Provide specific technical assistance, such as hardware/software, specialized equipment, and peer assistance.
- Provide support for real-time crime centers or intelligence centers that are either established or in development.

Available Funding

Funding will be made available to law enforcement agencies within the northern and middle region of the United States through a reimbursed subaward process. Agencies may request up to $150,000 in funding for equipment and items that support the program purposes outlined above, including, but not limited to, the items listed below:

- K-9-unit support, (e.g., K-9s, K-9 and handler training, K-9 maintenance, and K-9 unit vehicle modifications)
- Computers/laptops and peripherals (communications cards are not covered)
- In-car video camera systems
- Automated license plate readers
- Moving radars
- 3D scanner systems
- Narcotic/explosive detection equipment
- Videoscope inspection systems
- Evidence collection/processing kits
- Driver's license scanners
- Records management systems
- Computer-aided dispatch systems
- Citation, crash, and mapping systems
- Other items, as requested

Agencies should **only request funding for the specific amount needed** to obtain the requested item(s). Requests cannot exceed $150,000 per agency. Agencies may submit one or more applications. However, the combined requested amount cannot exceed the $150,000 cap. For example, a group of interdiction teams from one law enforcement agency can only request $150,000 combined for the entire agency.

What Is Not Funded

Standard-issue items normally provided by a law enforcement agency during its mission are not included in this program, as well as some specialty purpose items. These include:

- Vehicles (including all-terrain vehicles)
- Weapons
- Uniforms
- Riot gear
- Vests
- Radios, as well as radio communications towers
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (also known as UAVs or "drones")
- Body-worn cameras (BWCs) (funding is available through BJA's BWC microgrant program)
- Any other standard-issue items

Eligibility and Requirements

To be considered for this program, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a small, rural, or tribal law enforcement agency located within one of the following states: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, or Wyoming.
- Serve a population size of 100,000 or less.
- Have an application that meets one or more of the program purposes listed earlier.
- Only request eligible items (items listed in the "What Is Not Covered" section should not be requested).
- Have permission from the agency's governing authority to receive this award.
- Be able to provide necessary training to personnel to use and implement the purchased resources, if applicable.
- Be able to comply with post-award reporting requirements.

Applicants must meet the above eligibility requirements; submit a completed application; and provide timely follow-up documentation, if requested.

As previously stated, it is imperative that the agency have the appropriate approvals from their governing body to accept an award under this program. Also, if selected, the agency must comply with post-award reporting requirements.

Post-Award Reporting Requirements: For BJA reporting purposes, award recipients will be contacted by a representative from the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) who will gather information regarding the implementation of the award and how it benefits the agency. This communication will help to promote successful implementations to the law enforcement field. Recipient agencies are required to submit responses to NW3C or allow a phone interview to be performed to share details of the implementation and identify any benefit to the entity and the administration of justice and public safety.

Review Process

Applications are pre-screened for eligibility and completeness. Applicants will be contacted to ensure that any missing information is completed prior to BJA consideration. Eligible and completed applications will be forwarded to BJA for review and approval.

As noted earlier, funding is available through a reimbursement process through subawards. Once all applications are received and screened and the application period has been closed, BJA will undergo a competitive review process. With law enforcement agencies from twenty-three states eligible for this program, the competitive review may take several months. Selected subaward recipients will then be contacted for follow-up documentation.

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for granting awards. Applying does not guarantee selection. BJA will evaluate each application to ensure that it fits within the scope of this program and is congruent with the items covered, applicant eligibility, and the availability of funding. BJA may require additional information from the applicant to make an award decision. Once all awards are selected, BJA will send a notification to the applicant agency of its decision to award or not award the funding.

NORTHERN AND MIDDLE STATES RURAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

Application

Questions may be submitted using an online Contact Us form, sent by email to normid@nw3c.org, or made by phone at (304) 988-5707 (specify Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program). Applicants may apply using this form (see submission options on the next page) or through an Online Application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Organization Name: North Little Rock Police Department

Applicant Organization Website, If Applicable: nlrpolice.org

Applicant Jurisdiction: North Little Rock, Arkansas

Size of Agency/Department (*number of personnel in the agency or department requesting resources*): 171

PRIMARY CONTACT (for matters related to this application)

First Name: John Last Name: Breckon

Job Title: Grant Manager Department: North Little Rock Polcie Department

Phone Number: 501-771-7126 Email Address: john.breckon@nlrpolice.org

Street Address: #1 Justice Center Dr

City: North Little Rock State: Arkansas Zip Code: 72114

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION

What issue is your agency or community facing that you hope to resolve through this award? (*Use an additional sheet of paper, if needed.*)

Our city of approximately 65,000 has seen a dramatic increase in violent crime and we hope to use the LPR's requested through this award to improve our ability to locate suspect vehicles and stolen vehicles in the most expedient manner possible . See attachment for details.

Which program purpose(s) does the agency's application support? (*Check all that apply.*)

- ☑ Improves agency investigative and/or intelligence capabilities
- ☑ Enhances information sharing, including investigative and intelligence data sharing
- ☐ Improves dedicated communication capabilities
- ☑ Provides specific technical assistance, such as hardware/software, specialized equipment, or peer assistance
- ☐ Enables participation in projects across the region
- ☑ Assists in a project/initiative unique to the agency or region (specify):
  - ☐ Agency project/initiative:
  - ☑ Region project/initiative: Regional LPR system involving the surrounding agencies
- ☑ Provides support for real-time crime centers or intelligence centers that are either established or in development

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Check the category of equipment the agency is requesting. As a reminder, items normally provided by a law enforcement agency during its mission, as well as some specialty items, are not included in this program. For example, vehicles, weapons, uniforms, riot gear, vests, radios/radio communications, UAVs, BWCs, and other standard-issue or specialty items will not be issued under this request.

- ☑ Public safety equipment (e.g., driver's license scanners, license plate readers, in-car video cameras, moving radars, 3D scanners, narcotic/explosive detection equipment, videoscopes, evidence collection/processing kits)
- ☐ Communications equipment (other than radios)
- ☑ Computer or networking equipment and peripherals
- ☐ Computer software or mobile applications (e.g., records management, computer-aided dispatch, citation/crash/mapping systems)
- ☐ K-9 unit support (e.g., K-9s, K-9 and handler training, K-9 maintenance, and K-9 unit vehicle modifications)
- ☐ Other (specify in the description field below)

Total Amount Requested: $ 117,071.72

Specify item(s) requested and their costs. (*Use an additional sheet of paper, if needed.*)

11 Fixed License Plate Readers with all corresponding equipment, licensing, programming and support for a total of $99,843.62. One LPR server to communicate with and store LPR data: $11,946.17. One firewall appliance to protect the data: $5,281.93.

Describe how the agency plans to implement the item(s), if received. (*Use an additional sheet of paper, if needed.*)

These new fixed LPR's will be added to strategic locations throughout the city to enhance and improve the coverage of the existing LPRs. They will be linked to the patrol officers, 911 center and the surrounding agencies including the Arkansas State Police, the Sherwood PD and Little Rock PD. see additional page.

POST-AWARD ACTIVITIES

Does the agency agree to provide:

- Documentation regarding purchased items, such as invoices, quotes, order confirmations, proof of delivery, and confirmation of receipt? ☑ Yes ☐ No
- Appropriate training to agency staff on any equipment purchased that would necessitate training to ensure its appropriate use (e.g., license plate readers)? ☑ Yes ☐ No
- Follow-up information, when requested, to fulfill post-award reporting requirements regarding implementation of the funded items? ☑ Yes ☐ No

DECLARATIONS

- Do you verify that your agency serves a population size of 100,000 or less? ☑ Yes ☐ No
- Do you certify that all of the above statements are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and understand that a false statement may disqualify the agency from receiving an award? ☑ Yes ☐ No

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

John D Breckon Digitally signed by John D Breckon Date: 2021.10.12 12:24:48 -05'00'	John Breckon	10/01/2021
Signature of Applicant	Printed Name of Applicant	Date

APPLICATION SUBMISSION OPTIONS

Completed applications may be submitted using the following submission options.

Email: Email a saved (or scanned) PDF of the completed and signed form to normid@nw3c.org.

Fax: Fax the completed and signed application, using a cover sheet, sent to the attention of:
NW3C: Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program
Fax Number: (304) 368-2891

Postal Mail: Mail the completed application to the following address:

National White Collar Crime Center
Attention: Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program
5000 NASA Boulevard, Suite 2100
Fairmont, WV 26554