



ST. CHARLES COUNTY
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Kurt L. Frisz
Chief of Police

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of St. Charles County Council
County Executive Steve Ehlmann

FROM: Chief Kurt Frisz

RE: Consent Agenda Rifle Vest Purchase

DATE: May 15, 2023

Before you, on the Consent Agenda, is a request to purchase ballistic rifle vests, carriers, and pouches.

Currently, County Officers are issued two vests: soft body armor and a rifle vest. The soft body armor is worn under the uniform shirt and is designed to stop small arms munitions. The rifle vest is a heavy duty, double plated vest system which is designed to be thrown over the uniform and is meant to stop higher caliber munitions. The current rifle vest is designed to protect the body on its own without the need for soft armor underneath. The disadvantage to this rifle vest system is that when donned, it covers the body camera. The current vest is also extremely heavy and can only be worn for short periods of time. As with all ballistic vests, these have a limited lifetime the manufacturer supports as optimal protection. The Department's rifle vests are expired or expiring so new vests which do not cover the body camera are being purchased.

In conjunction with the purchase of vest carriers, properly fitting pistol magazine, radio, and handcuff pouches for the new vests are necessary. These pouches will be worn on the vest carriers when donned, allowing officers to access equipment more efficiently.

The 2023 budget provided \$80,000 for new rifle grade ballistic vests in the Capital Fund 3019800-47752 and \$37,150 from Operational Support 2668500-47450.

I am asking for your consideration for this purchase.





**FORMAL BID –
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

Approved by Consent Agenda:

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL STAFF ONLY

Title of Bid: Point Blank Custom Guardian Load Bearing Vests & Plates Bid #: Sole Source

Dept.: Police Contact Person: Capt. Chris Hunt Ext.: 3066

Description (product/service, justification and use):

Load Bearing Vests, Plates, and required installation for the BodyWorn Camera mounts to outfit the Police Department's Commissioned officers. Please see the items below:

Point Blank Custom Guardian Load Bearing Vest (Qty. 165 @ \$275.00 each) - \$45,375.00

Point Blank OMEGA ICW Ballistic Plate (Qty. 165 @ \$400.00 each) - \$66,000.00

BodyWorn Camera Mount Install (Qty. 165 @ \$35.00 each) - \$5775.00

Award to: Leon Uniform Location: 142 Hanley Industrial Court, St. Louis, MO 63144

Price: \$ 117,150.00 Contract term (if applicable): _____

Bid opening held on: _____ Opened by: _____

Account number to be charged for purchase: 2668500-47450, 3019800-47752, 8135-46571

If bid was not awarded to lowest bidder, please explain:

If paying for with grant funds, please indicate (1) grant name, (2) total grant amount, (3) what portion of purchase is being paid for by a grant, and (4) when grant period ends as applicable:

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Additional Bids Received

The following additional bids were received:

Vendor: _____	Price: _____
Location: _____ Meets all specifications:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Vendor: _____	Price: _____
Location: _____ Meets all specifications:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Vendor: _____	Price: _____
Location: _____ Meets all specifications:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

For each vendor that doesn't meet specifications, please explain why:

Vendor: _____

Vendor: _____

Sole source justification memos from (1) dept. and (2) vendor attached.

Department Director/Elected Official must sign the request prior to routing to the Purchasing Manager.

[Signature]
Department Director/Elected Official Signature

5/16/23
Date

Tracy L. Bayne
Approval or Concurrence of Director of Finance

5/17/23
Date

I approve this purchase from Leon Uniform as a sole source purchase. JABayne

BELOW ONLY TO BE COMPLETED FOR BIDS AT LEAST \$15,000 AND LESS THAN \$50,000. See instructions at the top of pg. 1.

Director of Administration Signature

Date