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MEMORANDUM

08-15

DATE: January 16, 2008
TO: City Manager Walt Wrede
FROM: Chief Mark Robl *MR*
SUBJECT: Jail Van Outfitting Sole Source Request

We have received a quotation from Alaska Safety, Inc. for outfitting our new jail van. Alaska Safety proposes to provide the required equipment and install it for \$7,890.00. I request that we obtain council approval to accept this proposal from Alaska Safety.

Alaska Safety is the only company in Alaska that outfits public safety equipment. They outfit all of the vehicles for the state troopers, the Anchorage Police Department and most of the other police agencies in the state. They have done several vehicles for us and we have been very satisfied with their work. We have tried to beat their price by ordering the equipment and installing it locally to no avail. Alaska Safety has contracts with all of the safety equipment suppliers and they are able to sell equipment to us cheaper than we can buy it. Their installation service is professional, fast and efficient. Their proposal of \$7,890.00 consists of \$6,000.00 for equipment and \$1,890.00 for labor. The equipment alone would have cost us close to \$7,000.00. Finding competent installers, well versed in public safety equipment installations would be very difficult. Our Public Works Department can do the work but they are very busy and this is a big project that would tie up one of their mechanics for over a week. They simply do not have the time available for this.

I propose to use the remainder of the jail fleet reserve account for this purchase. Any amount over and above the available fleet reserve account balance will come out of our normal vehicle maintenance accounts.

Fiscal Note:

Expenditure - \$7,621.00 - 152-382-5902
\$ 269.00 - 100-164-5207