



# REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT  
June 8, 2006

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Purchase: Body Armor for FY2005/06

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a **Resolution** to: 1) suspend formal competitive bidding (requires two-thirds vote) for the purchase of flexible body armor, and 2) authorize the purchase of flexible body armor from Protective Products International (PPI) in FY2005/06 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

**Contact:** Mike McCarthy, Police Captain, 433-0417; Milt Payne, Program Analyst, 264-8119

**Presenters:** Not applicable

**Department:** Police

**Division:** Technology and Information Services Division / Property Section

**Organization No:** 2155

**Summary:**

It has been determined by staff that the PPI brand is the Department standard for body armor. In 2005, PPI body armor was compared to the products of the five major manufacturers of body armor in the United States and was selected based on quality and most favorable price. PPI armor is sold to law enforcement agencies directly from the factory since there is no distribution network in this area of the United States. Also, the SPD purchase price for body armor and associated equipment is below that currently listed in the Federal General Services Agency (GSA) contract. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the city to suspend competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of body armor from PPI, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000, to ensure that officers receive the highest levels of protection at the best available price.

**Committee/Commission Action:** None

**Background Information:**

PPI was selected, in 2005, after comparative analysis with five other major manufacturers of body armor. These manufacturers were Second Chance, US Armor,



First Choice, Point Blank, and Armor Holdings. Samples from each manufacturer were evaluated for comfort, flexibility, workmanship, and special features. The PPI model Armorlite ALF 23 was judged superior based on these criteria. The ALF 23 far exceeds ballistic protection standards established by the National Institute of Justice and is certified by testing conducted by the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center. In addition, PPI's price was the lowest of all bids submitted. This low price enabled the Department to upgrade to a level IIIA vest, which provides the highest degree of protection possible in flexible body armor.

A funding level not to exceed \$150,000.00 allows the Department to purchase approximately 237 sets of armor. This is sufficient to outfit graduates from the four planned police academies in FY2006/07, equip officers transferring in from other agencies, and reduce the backlog of vests that have expired and require replacement.

**Financial Considerations:**

Adequate funding for this requirement is available in the 2004 Citizen's Option Program. It must be encumbered before June 30, 2006 and be liquidated by June 30, 2007. The funding line is 255-EFP-E284-4431.

**Environmental Considerations:**

This proposal does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061(b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).

**Policy Considerations:**

The recommendation in this report is in accordance with provisions of the City Code, section 3.56.230(C), which allows for the suspension of competitive bidding by two-thirds vote if it is in the best interests of the City. Additionally, the purchase of flexible body armor is aligned with the City's Strategic Plan goal to improve and expand public safety.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):**

Protective Products International is not a certified emerging small business.

Respectfully Submitted by: Captain Mike McCarthy  
Mike McCarthy  
Captain

Approved by: Albert Nájera  
Albert Nájera  
Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

*for* Ray Kerridge  
RAY KERRIDGE  
City Manager

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## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 8, 2006

### **PURCHASE OF FLEXIBLE BODY ARMOR FROM PROTECTIVE PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL (PPI)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The Sacramento Police Department has designated the PPI brand, model ALF 23, as the Department's standard for protective body armor. This armor compares favorably with products from five other major manufacturers and was the lowest price of bids submitted during the Department's analysis in 2005.
- B. The recommended manufacturer, Protective Products International, is also the vendor. The City will purchase armor directly from the manufacturer since there is no distribution network in this area of the United States. Current purchase price for this armor and accessories is below that listed in the Federal GSA contract.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. In the best interest of the City, formal competitive bidding is hereby suspended.

Section 2. The City Manager, or a designated representative, is hereby authorized to purchase protective body armor in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 during the FY2005/06 (Funding Line: 255-EFP-E284-4431).

