

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

09-0184R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO CONTRACT WITH PORTER LEE CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF BEAST EVIDENCE TRACKING SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE FOR THE DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,459.61.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that city officials are hereby authorized to contract with Porter Lee Corporation for the purchase and installation of BEAST (Barcoded Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking) software and hardware for the Duluth police department for \$22,027.80 plus \$1,431.81 sales tax, for a total amount of \$23,459.61, terms net 30, payable from the General Fund 110, Agency 160, Organization 1640-2232, Object 5441.

Approved:

Approved for presentation to council:

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Department Director  
Purchasing Agent \_\_\_\_

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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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Auditor

POL/PRCH DS:le 3/12/2009

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution authorizes the purchase and installation of BEAST evidence tracking software and hardware, to include onsite training, for a total amount of \$23,459.61, payable from the general fund.

The BEAST (Barcoded Evidence Analysis, Statistics and Tracking) software is needed for several reasons:

- (a) It is compatible with PropertyRoom.com, an auction website that sells lost, stolen or forfeited goods from police departments.
- ( b) It is used by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and other law enforcement agencies. Once installed, the city of Duluth police will be able to check the data bases of other agencies and vice-versa. This could also lead to a further consolidation of services.
- (c) It provides clear, concise, and consistent property and evidence tracking far above what is currently used. It will provide the city with increased protection against civil liability crimes.
- (d) It eliminates most of the need for paper.
- (e) It greatly reduces staff hours spent inventorying, maintaining, moving, and storing property and evidence.

Porter Lee Corporation is located in Schaumburg, Illinois.

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