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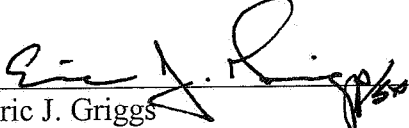
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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 8, 2004

To: Philip J. Cline, Superintendent
Department of Police

Attn: Joyce Maxwell

From: 
Eric J. Griggs
Acting Chief Procurement Officer

Re: Emergency Request Protective Riot Gear

Pursuant to Section 5/8-10-5 of the Municipal Purchasing Act, I am authorizing you to make an Emergency purchase from Galls, Inc. Based upon information received from members of your staff, I have determined that this procurement is necessary to meet bona fide operating emergencies.

You are hereby authorized to purchase Protective Riot Gear in the amount of \$34,767.04 as requested in your letter of March 4, 2004. Any amount in excess of the \$34,767.04 approved here shall be subject to additional authorization and shall be limited so as not to exceed the \$40,000 limit established by statute.

cc:S. Geocaris





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Attn: Steve Geocaris

Re: Emergency Purchase

Dear Mr. Griggs:

I am requesting approval for an emergency purchase for protective riot gear for 581 sworn field personnel. This gear includes shin guards, upper body protector, neck protector, forearm and elbow protector, tactical gloves and tactical gear bag. The Police Department obtained quotes from three (3) vendors: Galls, Inc. \$79,260.02, Hatch \$100,780.26 and Kale Uniforms \$116,170.95. The lowest quote was from Galls Inc..

On March 20, 2004, there will be anti-war demonstrations in downtown Chicago. The anticipated protest groups include those that were involved in protests held in conjunction with the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue (TABD) and other international financial meetings and conferences in the recent past. These groups, historically have been among the most violent and destructive of their kind. During TABD and the anti-war protests held last March, at the start of the U.S. military action in Iraq, the Department had to deploy significant numbers of riot equipped sworn personnel.

The Department's current operational plan will once again deploy many of the same units and personnel who were equipped and deployed to these earlier incidents. However, the number of demonstrators and their reported intent to disrupt the flow of traffic and other lawful activities downtown has required the use of additional units/personnel not utilized during the previous demonstrations. This includes the Department's newly formed response teams.

Of the units listed in the Department's operational plan, 581 sworn members have not been previously issued the protective riot gear. This riot gear is necessary in order to maximize the safety and effectiveness of these additional officers.

Finally, based upon the limited time available to the Department to respond to these announced demonstrations (which are without the authorization of a parade permit), the Department cannot proceed with the purchase of the required equipment using the normal purchasing process. This equipment is needed no later than March 11, 2004 so that it can be distributed to the sworn personnel before the March 20, 2004 demonstrations. Galls' has assured the Department that it can meet the time constraints.

For the above reasons, I am requesting your approval for an emergency purchase with Gall's Inc., in the amount of \$34,767.04 for 581 upper body protectors and 581 neck protectors.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Joyce Maxwell, Contracts Administrator, at Extension 5-5794. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely



Barbara B. Mc Donald
Deputy Superintendent
Bureau of Administrative Services