



# County of Los Alamos

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## Council Meeting Staff Report

August 9, 2022

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**Agenda No.:** H  
**Indexes (Council Goals):**  
**Presenters:** Dino Sgambellone  
**Legislative File:** 16224-22

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### Title

Approval of Purchase of an Armored Vehicle for the Police Department in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$270,000

### Recommended Action

**I move that Council approves the purchase of a specialized armored rescue vehicle from LENCO Armored Vehicles in an amount not-to-exceed \$270,000.**

### County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council approve the motion as requested.

### Body

An armored rescue vehicle is designed to protect officers from known high-risk situations where a suspect is armed with a weapon. An armored rescue vehicle provides for a safe and secure area from which officers may undertake negotiations and makes a lethal confrontation much less likely, as there is very little risk to the officers approaching the situation. The current police fleet does not include any armored rescue vehicles. Therefore, the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle is needed in order to keep officers prepared for any occasion.

The rescue vehicle will be purchased through FY23 Police Department Operations budget as a one-time purchase. Maintenance will be taken care of through a combination of Fleet and LENCO (within warranty term in Attachment B).

The selection of the LENCO armored rescue vehicle resulted from a selection process that contained key criteria components:

1. A vehicle manufactured in the U.S.
2. Maintenance of the vehicle would not require special tools, parts, or personnel
3. Vehicle is capable of holding at least eight fully equipped officers
4. Rescue vehicle is diesel-powered
5. Four-wheel drive capable
6. Capable of sufficiently powering electrical exterior lights and winches
7. Warranty
8. Providing a valid GSA pricing schedule

The research concluded that the LENCO Bearcat met all specifications the Department is seeking. This purchase request supports our efforts in providing a suitable vehicle that can respond to high-risk events and provide life-saving armored rescue vehicle intervention to those in need.

Timing on the production of a new vehicle requires an 18-24 month build-out time.

LENCO will extend GSA Federal Acquisition Service pricing to the County for this purchase and the quote for the vehicle is shown in Attachment A. The GSA contract number is: GS-07F-169DA.

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### **Alternatives**

Council could choose to not approve this purchase.

### **Fiscal and Staff Impact**

The \$270,000 was approved as a budget option on April 19, 2022 for FY2023 Budget Option #24 Rank 2. LENCO quoted the County \$267,892.00, which will be a one-time encumbrance using FY23 Police Department Operations budget. The encumbrance will be carried over into the FY24 if production has not been completed by end of the fiscal year.

### **Attachments**

A - LENCO Quote 21588B

B - LENCO Armored Vehicle Warranty