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***Mayor Fulop & Public Safety Director Announce
Award of City Firearms & Ammunition Contract Based
on New Approach Requiring Gun Manufacturers
Answer Questions about their Practices;
Innovative Practice Not Only Works to Change Debate on Guns, But
Also Enhances Public Safety at Local Level***

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and **Public Safety Director James Shea** announced today that Jersey City is set to award an approximately \$500,000 contract to Lawman Supply Company for the purchase of firearms and ammunition for the Jersey City Police Department. The contract stems from Jersey City’s innovative approach to purchasing firearms that requires gun manufacturers to disclosure information about their business practices.

“Local municipalities are the entities most severely impacted by illegal gun use and violence,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “For that reason, and because change at the federal level is slow to non-existent, we are taking a local approach. Police Departments are some of the largest purchasers of weapons, and by using our purchasing power we can have a real impact.”

As part of the bid process, Jersey City required all bidders to answer the following four socially responsible questions:

- How would you handle any firearms that you originally sold to the City, if you decide to repurchase them in the future?
- Do you manufacturer and sell assault weapons for civilian use?
- Do you agree not to sell certain models of firearms for civilian use?
- Do you require your dealers to conduct background checks?

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Not only does purchasing weapons from gun manufacturers who are more responsible, or willing to disclose their practices, work to effect change in the debate on guns, but it also enhances public safety at a local level. Specifically, Jersey City asked what the gun manufacturers would do with weapons repurchased from the municipality.

Atlantic Tactical of Pennsylvania and Lawmen Supply Co. of Pennsauken, New Jersey both responded to the bid and answered the questions requested.

Although Atlantic Tactical has the lower of the bids by approximately \$10,000, the City selected Lawman Supply Company as their proposal best met the needs of the department.

“We know that legal gun manufacturers are equally concerned with their products being possessed and sold illegally,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “The debate on guns in America is dominated by the two extremes. Our questions were designed to get legitimate stakeholders into a conversation about what we can do and accomplish today. ”

Several mayors from other cities, including Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, are pursuing this approach to gun purchases for their police departments.

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