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Hello...during the last council session I think Joann H. Had a great point about a female owned business being considered to upfit Portland police patrol vehicles. In addition, I was shocked and concerned that no one asked the question WHERE the City Fleet Managers proposed police vehicle upfitter was physically located? I mention this because I've heard the City Fleet Manager is trying to push police vehicle upfitting to an out of state company?...why?

RC Display Vans (located on Swan Island) is arguably the best vehicle upfitter in the entire Northwest. Building high profile vehicles like the Victoria Secret Van.

Gresham Ford has supplied the City of Portland with police vehicles for years...and...have done the initial upfit once the vehicles arrive from the factory. Lastly, Gresham Ford is a FEMALE owned & operated business!

Wire Works (another Oregon upfitter) has historically upfit patrol vehicles for Salem and surrounding agencies.

I mention these three business entities because I heard all of them had applied for the Portland police upfit bid. Is there not a Portland City Policy to stay local? Portland DOLLARS need to stay local to help our local economy!!!

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