



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance and Financial Management
AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Procurement Services
EXECUTIVE: Elizabeth Reich

SUBJECT

Authorize a two-year master agreement for electronic control weapons and accessories for the Police Department with Axon Enterprise, Inc. through the Texas Smart Buy cooperative agreement - Estimated amount of \$2,348,166 - Financing: General Fund (\$400,000) and Confiscated Monies (\$1,948,166)

BACKGROUND

This action does not encumber funds; the purpose of a master agreement is to establish firm pricing for goods, for a specific term, which are ordered on an as needed basis according to annual budgetary appropriations. The estimated amount is intended as guidance rather than a cap on spending under the agreement, so that actual need combined with the amount budgeted will determine the amount spent under this agreement.

This master agreement will allow for the purchase of electronic control weapons and accessories for the Police Department. Taser electronic control weapons provide officers with an additional tool in subduing high-risk subjects who become combative and non-responsive to verbal commands or become a danger to themselves, the officer, and resident. The electronic control weapon allows the officer to gain control of the situation from a safe distance thus reducing the risk of injury to the subject, officer or resident.

The Taser system is a proprietary technology that uses compressed nitrogen to project two small probes as far as 25 feet. These probes are connected to a handheld device by high-voltage insulated wire. An electrical signal is transmitted throughout the region where the probes contact the body or clothing, resulting in an immediate loss of neuromuscular control and the ability to perform coordinated action for the duration of the impulse. This master agreement will provide approximately 1,200 electronic control weapons, supplies, training cartridges, and accessories. Taser's data technology assists with officer accountability to provide the exact time, date, and duration of field uses by law enforcement officers.

All uniform officers must qualify on their using a taser before one will be issued. These tasers will be deployed in the field and to call answering personnel.

The Texas Smart Buy cooperative agreement is authorized by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Subchapter F, Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code. Section 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code which authorizes a local government to participate in a Cooperative Purchasing Program with another local government or a local cooperative organization.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On September 24, 2014, City Council authorized a five-year acquisition agreement for the purchase, maintenance and warranty of electronic control weapons, related equipment and training for Police; and a five-year master agreement for the purchase of electronic control weapons and related equipment with Taser International, Inc. by Resolution No. 14-1641.

On March 22, 2017, City Council authorized an increase to the master agreement with Taser International, Inc. for the purchase of electronic control weapons and accessories for Police by Resolution No. 17-0482.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	Future Years
General Fund	\$100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$0.00
Confiscated Monies	\$584,882.00	\$1,363,284.00	\$0.00
Total	\$684,882.00	\$1,663,284.00	\$0.00

M/WBE INFORMATION

In accordance with the City's Business Inclusion and Development Plan adopted on October 22, 2008, by Resolution No. 08-2826, as amended, the M/WBE participation on this contract is as follows:

Contract Amount	Category	M/WBE Goal	M/WBE %	M/WBE \$
\$2,348,166.00	CO-OP	N/A	N/A	N/A
• The Business Inclusion and Development Plan does not apply to Cooperative Purchasing Agreements (CO-OPs).				

PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

Method of Evaluation for Award Type:

Cooperative Purchasing Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooperative purchasing agreements enable the City to associate with State agencies, other local governments, or local cooperative organizations comprised of other state and local governments, to leverage market buying power and enable the City to purchase goods or services at lower prices• The cooperative purchasing agreement is an alternative method of meeting the requirements for competitive bidding or competitive sealed proposals, not an exception from that requirement
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OWNER

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