



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Materials Management

CM: Todd Hileman

DATE: October 17, 2017

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas providing for, authorizing, and approving the purchase of Axon body-worn camera systems and associated modules which include Evidence Transfer Manager (ETM), digital evidence management software, data storage, Taser X2 Conductive Electric Weapons (CEWs), holsters, Taser X2 cartridges and batteries, which will be incorporated into use with the Police Department's existing Taser body-worn camera systems. Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International, Inc.) is the sole-source manufacturer of the Taser X2 weapon system. Therefore this system is available from only one source and in accordance with Chapter 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code, procurement of commodities and services that are available from one source are exempt from competitive bidding; and if over \$50,000 shall be awarded by the governing body; (File 5696- awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$1,176,243.66).

FILE INFORMATION

The City of Denton Police Department currently utilizes the TASER body-worn camera system and the TASER X2 weapon system. All 176 police officers are equipped with the camera system. Approximately half of the officers have the Taser weapon system. This purchase is for 180 TASER 2 Weapon systems and associated modules to supplement existing equipment and replace Tasers that are outdated and fall outside of the manufacturer's recommended lifespan. The equipment replacement will be phased in over a five (5) year time-period. The attached quote is provided through Axon Enterprise, Inc. which was formerly Taser International, Inc. (Exhibit 2). Axon Enterprise Officer Safety Plan Solution and Unlimited Cartridge Plan solution consists of AXON Body 2 body-worn cameras, evidence transfer manager (ETM), accessories, digital evidence management software, data storage, warranty and implementation. This body-worn camera system is compatible with existing TASER technology and Evidence.com storage solution that is currently being utilized by the Police Department.

The system meets the Police Department's need to allow officers the ability to record, manage and store digital recordings in the already existing Evidence.com storage. The ETM module allows automatic file uploading and simultaneous recharging of body cameras. The department will be able to modernize and standardize its Conductive Electronic Weapon (CEW) platform as well as provide training according to best practice and manufacturer recommendations. Also, the Police Department will be provided upgraded equipment at no additional cost to ensure the City of Denton has the most up-to-date technology. Police Department staff is recommending a five (5) year contract in order to provide the equipment to all officers by purchasing it in a series of installments (Exhibit 3).

The Police Department has standardized to the TASER body-worn camera and weapons system. Axon Enterprise, Inc. is the sole source provider of this equipment (Exhibit 4), therefore the equipment is only available from one source. Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code provides that procurement of commodities and services that are available from one source are exempt from competitive bidding, and if over \$50,000, shall be awarded by the governing body.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

Council awarded Contract 5956 for a TASER body-worn camera system and associated modules on December 2, 2014 in the amount of \$448,873.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a five (5) year contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of Axon body-worn camera systems and associated modules in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,176,243.66.

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

Axon Enterprise, Inc.
Scottsdale, AZ

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The pricing for this contract will be good through October 17, 2022.

FISCAL INFORMATION

The equipment will be funded from Police General Fund account 310100.6394 in the amount of \$100,561 and Technology Services Licenses account# 830700.7904 in the amount of \$109,717.43 for the first year of funding. Requisition#135103 has been entered in the Purchasing Software system.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Organizational Excellence
Related Goal: 4.1 Enhance public safety in the community

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2: Quote
Exhibit 3: Staff memo
Exhibit 4: Vendor Memo
Exhibit 5: Ordinance
Exhibit 6: Contract

Respectfully submitted:
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