



City of San Antonio Certificate of Exemption

Finance

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and forward your request to next approval authority.

Certificate of Exemption

Originating Department: SAPD

Request Date: 03/11/2021

Exemption Requested/Taken

The City is authorized under limited conditions to make procurements outside of the competitive solicitation process. Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code provides guidance regarding sixteen general exemptions from the competitive solicitation. Departments must submit vendor(s) quotations for any selection below. Please select one exemption:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement made because of a public calamity that requires funds to relieve the needs of the residents or to preserve city property (Note: Department must notify the Purchasing Division immediately regarding such an event) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paving, drainage, street widening and other public improvements or related matter where at least one-third of the costs are paid by special assessments |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A procurement to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the city's residents (Note: Department must notify the Purchasing Division immediately regarding such an event) | <input type="checkbox"/> A public improvement project which has been authorized but for which there is deficiency of funds to complete in accordance with the plans as authorized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement necessary because of unforeseen damage to machinery, equipment or other property (Note: Department must notify the Purchasing Division immediately regarding such an event) | <input type="checkbox"/> A payment under a contract by which a developer participates in the construction of a public improvement as provided by Subchap. C, Ch 212. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement for personal, professional or planning services | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal property sold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement for work that is performed and paid for by the day as the work progresses | <input type="checkbox"/> Services performed by blind or severely disabled persons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A purchase of land or right-of-way | <input type="checkbox"/> Goods purchased by a municipality for subsequent retail sale by the municipality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A procurement of items available from only one source | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A purchase of rare books, papers and other materials for a public library | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising, other than legal notices |

*Does the public health & safety procurement include a "Sole Brand" preference? ☒ Yes ☐ No

*Is this an "Emergency" purchase request that exceeds \$50,000 in value and would require City Council ratification? ☒ Yes ☒ No

*Sourcing Accounting Details ☐ Insert Shopping Cart (SC) or Purchase Requisition (PR) # ☒ Insert Annual Contract #

Enter: Annual Contract Name/Number: 4400003611



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Sole Brand Justification Notice

You have indicated that this Certificate of Exemption is being requested for a purchase that is categorized as a "Sole Brand" procurement. Justification for such a purchase **MUST be provided in the following section of the form, where the justification for sole brand purchase can be documented and submitted as part of this Certificate of Exemption request.** Provide any related documents used in justifying the sole brand aspects of this purchase, attaching any correspondence(s) related to establishing that justification.

Click on the paperclip icon  located in the left margin of this form to make any required attachment.

Sole Brand Justification Details

Name of Item: TASER 7 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Models

Manufacturer: Axon

Model Number: TS1001

Source Count: ☐ Available from only one source ☐ Available from more than one source

Name of Brand: TASER 7 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Models

Brief description of where or how the item(s) will be used:

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) is requesting to purchase 1,450 each Taser 7 Conductive Electrical Device (CED) with Certification Program utilizing a Public Health or Safety Exemption from competitive bidding. On February 18, 2020, the LRC pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement reviewed the SAPD Training Academy's findings and recommendation following field testing of the brand specific Taser 7 CED. As a result of the LRC's review, it recommended that the Taser 7 replace the current model utilized, Taser X26P, which will be discontinued, as the SAPD's CED to include Aviation Department and Parks and Recreation Law Enforcement Officers. Axon Enterprise is the industry leader for several law enforcement products, including tasers. In addition to its standing as the industry leader, AXON's Taser 7 is compatible with existing SAPD and City of San Antonio technological capabilities, including evidence.com, where SAPD stores all body worn camera footage.

Describe the performance functions proprietary to the item(s) requested and why they are necessary to accomplish the project:

This model will provide the departments with the most advanced CED model, a five-year warranty, accessories and training. The Taser 7 offers numerous improvements over the current X26P model. These improvements include, automatic software updates and uploading of data to evidence.com when the Taser is docked; increased audit capabilities, the inclusion of a highly scalable virtual reality training to complement Crisis Intervention training, recharging of batteries while docked, the inclusion of a warning arc serving as a de-escalation technique, amongst other improvements over the X26P model. The use of CEDs is proven to reduce injuries to officers and the public and, assists in avoiding the use of deadly force. The Program also includes scenario-based training with an emphasis on de-escalation and gaining compliance without deploying the CED.

Will the item be used in conjunction with existing equipment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will training be required?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe the training and the amount of training (in hours, days, or months) that will be provided.

TASER 7 Master Instructor School Voucher; TASER 7 Instructor Course Voucher provided yearly.

Name other sources/brands whose products have been evaluated and why they do not meet requirements:

N/A



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***Required attachment: Sole Brand Justification Document explaining why requested item(s) are only suitable from one one brand (Labor Relations Committee (LRC) Memo, other department-approved brand justification, etc.).**

Has all of the required justification documentation been attached to this request? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please explain the reasoning why the required justification documents have not been attached to this request

The documents have been attached via email with the COE routing for signature.

Execution/Filing Details

This Certificate of Exemption is executed and filed with the Finance Department as follows:

1. The undersigned is authorized to approve an exemption;
2. An exemption according to Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code exists.

More specifically, the following event has occurred:

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3. Because the exemption stated above exists, the City of San Antonio intends to contract with

AXON

which will cost approximately \$ **\$9,601,900.00**
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Approvals

Instructions: Enter your Network credentials and "click" the **Sign** button for Authentication eSignature:

UserID: _____ Password: _____

Velma Martinez (SAPD)

03/12/2021

Originator

Date


Department Director Approval


Date

Executive Leadership Team Approval
(approval required only for ratification by City Council)

Date


Procurement Administrator Approval

March 17, 2021
Date

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