

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	28746	Agenda Number	37.
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Meeting Date:	November 21, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply agreement with TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC. to provide tasers and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$1,182,656 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$394,219 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,365,313.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$328,516 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining 2 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Terry Nicholson, Sr. Buyer Specialist, 512-974-2995
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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**Additional Backup Information**

The Austin Police Department (APD) currently has over eight hundred tasers in use by patrol and other specialized units throughout the City of Austin. APD has standardized on the Taser International Model X23P since 2011. Every new taser comes with a four year warranty which allows for replacement at no cost. This contract will provide APD with replacement tasers after warranty as well as spare batteries, holsters, field cartridges, and simulation cartridges to support APD's forecasted usage for the next six years.

In August of 2011, APD entered into a sole source contract with GT Distributors for the supply of tasers for the period of 8/29/2011 through 8/28/2014. In March of 2013 the manufacturer, Taser International, Inc., stopped providing tasers through distributors and began selling new units and consumables through their own internal distribution network. This contract will replace the GT Distributors contract which is now obsolete.