



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with GT DISTRIBUTORS, INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of 730 Taser International Model X26E Tasers and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$686,815.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$108,048.18 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department and \$578,766.82 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Amended Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mick Osborne, Sr. Buyer, 974-2995

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of two bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of 730 Taser International Model X26E Tasers with holsters, cartridge holders and additional cartridges to be issued to each Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant in every Patrol Sector and Motors Unit. Two of these units will be provided for instructors of the Austin Police Department (APD) Training Academy and ten units will be used for training and as backup. APD currently has 144 tasers in service. The availability of this equipment is an alternative, when appropriate, for lethal force, and is critical for the safety of both officers and residents. Delivery is 9-12 weeks after receipt of order. Training will be provided by instructors of the APD Training Academy and will commence upon receipt of the equipment. Deployment will be made in stages as training is accomplished.

This purchase is being made on an expedited basis. The advertising requirements for this purchase were waived under the Health and Public Safety exemption of the Local Government Code, Chapter 252.

MBF/WBE solicited: 0/0

MBF/WBE bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION
TASERS AND ACCESSORIES**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
GT DISTRIBUTORS, INC. AUSTIN, TX	\$686,815
Taser International Scottsdale, AZ	\$697,545

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition. Bids were taken from both the manufacturer and the sole authorized distributor for the state of Texas.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bid.
- b. The Austin Police Department concurs with the recommended award.