



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

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC., Scottsdale, AZ, for ninety tasers and associated equipment for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$75,291.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Police;

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mick Osborne, Senior Buyer/974-2995

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bids 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 90 Taser International Model X26E tasers with holsters, cartridge holders, and additional cartridges. They will be issued to the Austin Police Department 110th Cadet Class with the balance kept in inventory as spares to be used as replacements for tasers sent in for repair. The taser is standard issue for all officers assigned to patrol. Currently the department has 654 tasers assigned to patrol officers. Training in the use of this equipment is included in the cadet class curriculum. Upon graduation, the cadets will be assigned to patrol sectors throughout the city. The availability of this less-lethal equipment is critical for the safety of the officers and residents.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/0

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0



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**BID TABULATION
Tasers and Accessories
(2 line items)
IFB No. MO05100032**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC. SCOTTSDALE, AZ	\$75,291
RAY O'HERRON CO., INC. DANVILLE, IL	\$75,291*

*Note: Ray O'Herron Co., Inc. requested to withdraw their offer.
A complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Twenty-two notices were sent including one MBE. There are no WBEs listed under this commodity code. Eight solicitation packages were issued with no MBE. Two bids were received.
- Current pricing represents 1% increase to the last purchase made February 2004.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- Lowest bids.
- The Austin Police Department concurs with the recommended award.
- Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on the Internet.