



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

November 29, 2010

To: John Szerlag, City Manager

From: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance & Administration
Susan A. Leirstein, Purchasing Director
Gary G. Mayer, Chief of Police

Subject: Standard Purchasing Resolution 6: Grant Approval and Authorization to Expend City Funds – MMRMA Risk Avoidance Program Grant – TASER Purchase

Background

The Troy Police Department's Training Section recently conducted a study on the use and deployment of TASER's. The most up to date research in this regard, supported by TASER, as well as the Force Research Center, which is a non-profit entity that conducts research on police use of force, indicates departments that utilize TASER's should require officers to carry the TASER on the opposite side as the fire arm and be trained to draw and deploy it with the weak hand. In addition, rather than equipping only a portion of officers assigned to Road Patrol duties each day with a TASER, every officer assigned to patrol should be issued his/her own TASER and accompanying holster. This practice ensures officers are consistently equipped, and reinforces proper muscle memory when weapon choices are required under stressful conditions.

The department is currently completing a comprehensive training protocol that implements the above recommendations.

Purchase of additional equipment is now required to complete this transition.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of City staff to purchase the necessary equipment from Michigan TASER Distributing, the sole source vendor in Michigan for TASER equipment for an estimated total cost of \$41,483.37, as detailed in Bid #1864, dated 11/23/10.

Fund Availability

Monies are available in the general fund of the Police administration forfeiture accounts.

Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant

The Police department is applying for a grant under the MMRMA RAP Grant. This grant will pay for 50%, not to exceed \$400 per TASER for 30 of the needed TASERS. This grant is a reimbursement grant where we must spend the funds and then get reimbursed. A representative of the MMRMA who approves the TASER RAP projects stated that we would be eligible for the 50% reimbursement of 30 TASERS for a savings of \$12,000.00. The RAP Grant will also pay for 50% of the training suit for a savings of \$212.50.

Michigan Taser Distributing

10422 Londonderry Dr.
South Lyon, MI 48178

Office Fax #
248-446-0373 248-446-0378

www.michigantaser.com

BID

Date	BID #
11/23/2010	1864

Name / Address
City of Troy Police Department 500 W. Big Beaver Troy, Michigan 48084-5285

Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
26011	X-26E, Black/silver, with Blade-tech and DPM	47	809.95	38,067.65
44952	RH-Taser Bladetech X-26, w/TekLok, short hood, RH	-47	42.00	-1,974.00
BH-Serpa-X26-R...	Serpa, RH, X26 holster, Basket Weave	47	46.00	2,162.00
BH-Serpa-X26-R...	Serpa, RH, X26 holster, Basket Weave	52	46.00	2,392.00
44550	Training Suit, Simulation suit II	1	425.00	425.00
S & H	Shipping & Handling, (1.5% <\$5,000.00, 1% >\$5,000.00) **\$7.50 Min.**		410.72	410.72

Customer Message	Total	\$41,483.37
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Acceptance Of Proposal
All prices, specifications and terms are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.

Shipping & Handling charges on net invoice price;
1.5% <\$5,000.00, 1% >\$5,000.00, (\$7.50 min.)

TERMS: NET 10 DAYS *** ALL SALES ARE FINAL**

Date: _____ Signature: _____