

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
ACTING AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

ORDER NO. 04-100

Approving an Exemption from the Competitive Bid Process to Purchase X26 Tasers from Keith's Sporting Goods

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Board, acting as the Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board to review, pursuant to PCRB Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4), a request from the Sheriff's Office for an exemption from the formal competitive bid process to purchase X26 Tasers from Keith's Sporting Goods for two years.
- b. Taser is a brand name and the only device performing the function of delivering an electrical charge to disable a combative person specifically authorized for carry/use by the Sheriff. The device is the industry standard. MCSO has people specifically certified to carry and instruct in the use of the Taser. The Taser is an extremely effective and less lethal tool in many scenarios involving combative individuals. In most situations it does not require personnel to personally struggle with a combative person. It does not result in injuries to the combative person such as the use of a baton, and it does not present the problem of "secondary contamination" such as the use of pepper sprays in public areas. This tool is commonly respected in the public safety industry capable of safely and effectively immobilizing combative individuals.

This procurement method is utilized because Keith's Sporting Goods is the sole source provider in Oregon (see attached letter).

Cost savings will result in avoiding personal injuries to personnel, combative subjects and innocent bystanders in the event MCSO personnel must subdue a combative individual.

Total purchases over a two year period are estimated to be \$186,000.

- c. This exemption request is in accord with the requirements of Multnomah County Public Contract Review Board Administrative Rules 300-0050 and 310-0100(4).

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Orders:

The exemption from the formal competitive bid process to purchase X26 Tasers from Keith's Sporting Goods for two years is approved.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July, 2004.



REVIEWED:

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By


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