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MEMORANDUM

TO: Franna Hathaway, Manager CPCA

FROM: Lieutenant Jay Heidenrich, Training Unit Commander 

DATE: June 17, 2004

SUBJECT: Request Accelerated Board Review and Approval of Sole Source, Single Seller Exemption for the X26 Tasers

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On behalf of Sheriff Giusto, I am submitting this request for an exemption to purchase X26 Tasers for the Agency.

Background

The Sheriffs Office requests an exemption from the competitive bidding process to acquire Tasers from a Sole Source Vendor, Keith's Sporting Goods which is the only authorized local dealer in Oregon. Taser is a brand name and the only device performing this function (delivering an electrical charge to disable a combative person) specifically authorized for carry/use by the Sheriff. The device is the industry standard. We have people specifically certified to carry and instruct in the use of the Taser.

Contract Duration

The Sheriffs Office anticipates contracting and/or making purchases of the X26 Taser from, Keith's Sporting Goods for a minimum of 2 Years.

Cost Savings & Findings Supporting Cost Savings

Being the Sole Source, we are not afforded a cost savings in the price of the equipment. Any savings will be in the way of avoiding personal injuries to personnel, combative subjects, and innocent bystanders in the event MCSO personnel must subdue a combative individual. Keith's Sporting Goods is a local distributor and funds will be spent locally.

Why an Exemption Would Not Encourage Favoritism

The Taser X26 is only available through the local distributor, Keith's Sporting Goods.

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Compelling Operational Budgetary and Financial Data

As mentioned above, this tool has several advantages over existing law enforcement tools. In some situations, this tool should limit injuries to personnel, combative persons, and the public having a positive influence on time-loss injuries, risk management claims by combatants and innocent bystanders.

Benefits to the Public

The Taser is an extremely effective tool in many scenarios involving combative or potentially combative individuals. The device provides a "less-lethal" option that:

1. In most appropriate situations, does not require personnel to personally struggle with a combative person. Having personal contact under these circumstances can result in injury to the employee and may result in the combative person gaining control of other weapons the employee carries elevating the level of force needed to resolve the situation;
2. Does not, based on industry literature, result in injuries to the combative person such as the use of a baton; and,
3. Does not present the problem of "secondary contamination" such as the use of pepper sprays in public areas such as the Courthouse or Hospitals.

Specialized Expertise

This tool is commonly respected in the public safety industry capable of safely and effectively immobilizing combative individuals. This tool is especially better suited to control combative individuals in some situations.

Market Conditions

Sole source distributor as mentioned above.

Technical Complexity

The Taser is a highly technical device and only available through a Sole source distributor as mentioned above.

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Funding Sources

Budgeted MCSO funds.

Estimated Start/Expiration Dates:

May 04-May 06

Project Budget Information.

The initial order placed in January - \$55,000

Second order (pending) - \$ 76,000

Subsequent orders placed within next 2 years should not exceed \$55,000

Total of \$186,000



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To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to confirm TASER[®] International, Inc. is the sole source manufacturer of the less-lethal TASER X26 Model 26000, 26001, & 26005 and the M26 Model 44000 and 44005.

TASER International is also the sole source manufacturer of the patented, 15-foot Air Cartridges, Model 34200, and 34228 and the patented, 21-foot Air Cartridges, Model 44200, 44201, 44205, and 44228. The Air Cartridges are required for the unit to function in the remote TASER mode.

These are some of the unique features the ADVANCED TASERs that are not found with other TASERs:

The ADVANCED TASER M26 and X26 are the only less-lethal weapons systems that can stop an aggressive, focused combat trained attacker.

The TASER X26 directly stimulates motor nerve and muscle tissue, causing incapacitation regardless of mental focus, training, size, or drug induced dementia.

The TASER X26 comes with an on-board memory chip to download 2,000 past firings based on the time and date the unit was fired to protect officers from unfounded charges of misuse of force.

The ADVANCED TASER has over 94.9% field effectiveness rating.

The ADVANCED TASER M26 and X26 uses the exact same hand motions and muscle memory as standard 9 mm semi-automatic pistols, drastically reducing the amount of time required to train. User training and instructor training materials are all on CDrom for ease of reproduction for training.

Propulsion System for all air cartridges is compressed nitrogen (1800 lbs/in²).

The Sole Authorized Police Distributor for OR, is

Keith's Sporting Goods
95 NE Victory Ave
Gresham, OR 97030
Phone: 503-492-6999
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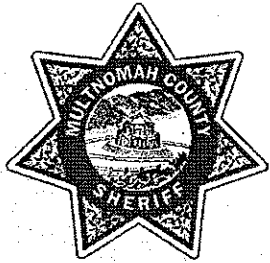
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Please contact us at 800-978-2737 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stacie Sundberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Stacie Sundberg
Vice President, Sales



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Catherine Kwong

FROM: Lieutenant Jay Heidenrich, Training Unit Commander 

DATE: July 13, 2004

SUBJECT: Taser Exemption Request - Supplemental Information

Upon your request, I am submitting this additional information regarding the Sheriff's Office interest in an "Accelerated Review" of our Exemption Request for "Sole Source" acquisition of Tasers.

The Sheriff's Office has undertaken an aggressive program to better train and equip our Corrections Deputies who routinely work outside of the secured/controlled facilities. Several of our specialty units, such as the Work Crews, Transport, Close Street Supervision, and Court Services perform their functions in areas in which any type of weapon can be present and they may be subjected to any number of risks. The Sheriff is concerned our employees may be at an unnecessary disadvantage for protecting themselves, the community and potentially the inmates they supervise without the option of this additional tool and the training we are now providing.

As part of the training program, we developed scenarios for the employees to evaluate the situation and respond either through communication or a level of force depending on the setting and circumstances. Many of these scenarios have illustrated the benefit of employees having the option of carrying this tool. Based on this, the Sheriff's Office has concluded this is an outstanding defensive tool and we are eager to provide this option.