



**Contract and Award Letter
Purchase Resolution – Exhibit “A”**

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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COPY: City Council, City Manager, City Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and
Ryan Foster, Finance/Procurement
SUBJECT: Purchase Taser 10 Law Enforcement Equipment – Sourcewell Contract No.
092722-AXN – December 9, 2025 City Council
DATE: November 24, 2025

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY: The Tacoma Police Department (TPD) requests a purchase agreement be awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Axon), Scottsdale, Arizona, in the amount of \$1,409,892, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the General Fund 0010, for a term of five years, for the purchase of TASER 10 less lethal equipment inclusive of software, maintenance, and accessories.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

BACKGROUND: TPD has a current purchase agreement with Axon for TASER 7s, or less lethal equipment, that expires December 31, 2025. The warranties and useful life of the equipment also end at that time, so as part of the equipment replacement schedule, TPD needs to replace current tasers and equipment. The purchase will be for upgraded taser equipment paid in five annual installments.

ISSUE: The new purchase agreement with Axon for TASER 10 equipment will replace the current program. The TASER 10 is an upgraded model with significant improvements over TASER 7, to include enhanced accuracy, further range, number of probes for effectiveness, lower voltage, and enhanced software that can be integrated with TPD evidence technology. Overall, the upgraded TASER 10 program will allow officers to create more distance and time for de-escalation and will also give officers a greater opportunity to successfully connect and safely incapacitate the subject reducing the risk of officer involved shootings (OISs). TASER 10 aims to minimize potential injuries and improves officer safety.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative #1: Due to the purchase agreement expiring on December 31, 2025, TPD will still be required to purchase the next round of tasers and associated equipment. If the equipment is not upgraded to TASER 10, TPD will purchase new TASER 7s (which initially came into production in 2018 but are anticipated to be phased out over the course of the next year) due to the warranty and useful life of the current tasers expiring on December 31, 2025. Purchasing new tasers will ensure that the department has the warranties available to it and that the department will not incur additional costs of equipment for any malfunctions. Otherwise, TPD will be liable for replacing malfunctioning equipment if the equipment's life is older than five years.



Alternative #2: If TPD retains the current tasers on hand, the department and conversely the City, will be responsible to pay for the replacement of the equipment. In addition, officers will be at higher risk of malfunctioning equipment which can lead to an escalation of problems if situations cannot be managed in the most expeditious and safe manner.

The recommended purchase agreement of five years with TASER 10s upgraded equipment ensures that TPD officers have the best resources available to them to de-escalate a situation safely and more effectively. TASER 10 has additional probes which allows for up to 10 deployments or opportunities to use less lethal force while TASER 7 only allows up to two deployments. Due to the additional probes, TASER 10 greatly increases the success rate of officers incapacitating a subject with less lethal force which greatly reduces OISs. Lessening OISs reduces the risk to officers, liability for TPD and the City alike, which can result in millions of dollars. Lastly, having state of the art equipment assists with recruitment and retention, making TPD a highly sought location to work in. Using new technology reduces the likelihood of OISs, which ensures the safety of officers and citizens alike.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Purchasing Alliance., was competitively bid through RFP #092722 Conducted Energy Weapons. The current contract term is valid through November 21, 2026, with the option to be extended one additional year. Through an interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement the City will purchase the needed equipment at the prices, term, and conditions of this contract. The ability to participate in cooperative purchasing through state contracts provides the City increased savings by pooling resources to leverage the market through volume discounts.

CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract.

SUSTAINABILITY: Environmental sustainability is achieved through the battery and cartridge recycling program that Axon uses. Axon partners with Battery Solutions to provide a program for recycling batteries and deployed TASER cartridges for U.S.-based customers which is available to TPD.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable - EIC Exception:
Interlocal/Cooperative Purchasing

**LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP)
COMPLIANCE:** Not applicable



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
TPD General Fund 0010	227800	5216090	\$1,409,892
TOTAL			Up to \$1,409,892

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Various Departmental Funds	Various	Various	(\$1,409,892)
TOTAL			Up to (\$1,409,892)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$ 622,046 (includes tax)

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes, they are budgeted through 2026.

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.

Ongoing expenses will need to be budgeted in the 2027-2028 Proposed Budget.