



Legislation Text

File #: 3387-2023, **Version:** 1

BACKGROUND: This ordinance authorizes the expenditure of General Funds for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and maintenance from Axon Enterprise Inc., for the Division of Police in the amount of \$3,000,000.00. The Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, will utilize the existing Universal Term Contract (UTC) established in Ordinance 3225-2023 for the purchase of replacement and new Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and maintenance. The TASER branded conducted energy device and associated accessories when deployed, will automatically turn on a police officer's body camera.

This company is not debarred according to the Federal excluded parties listing or prohibited from being awarded a contract according to the Auditor of State unresolved findings for recovery certified search.

Bid Information: The contract, PO321495 was established in accordance with Request for Quotation RFQ019158 and will expire 12/31/2025.

Emergency Designation: Emergency legislation is requested to replenish current CEW's and maintenance as soon as possible for on-going training exercises and deployment as a less lethal option.

Contract Compliance Number: CC# 038851, expires 2/9/2024

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$3,000,000.00 from the General Fund and for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and maintenance from Axon Enterprise Inc. Funds totaling \$3,000,000.00 were budgeted within the 2023 Police General Fund for this expense

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to issue a purchase order for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and maintenance with Axon Enterprise Inc. for the Division of Police from Universal Term Contract, to authorize the expenditure of \$3,000,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$3,000,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Division of Police needs to purchase Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprises Inc. has the Universal Term Contract as per ordinance 3225-2023; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance authorizes the Finance Director to issue a purchase order to Axon Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize a purchase order for Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and maintenance to maintain the supply, maintain the supply for on-going training exercises and maintain the supply for deployment as a less lethal option, all for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare; and **now, therefore**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Finance and Management Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a purchase

order to Axon Enterprise Inc. for the purchase of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs) and maintenance in accordance with the existing Universal Term Contract

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$3,000,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in the General Fund in Object Class 03 Subscription/Maintenance per the accounting codes in the spreadsheets attached to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance and to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.