

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 6, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **October 11, 2023 Upcoming Agneda Item #29; 23-2496 Ten-Year Axon Cooperative Purchasing Agreement**

The City of Dallas has been committed to and has taken significant steps to ensure Dallas public safety responders have the right technology to build community trust and increase transparency while pursuing its mission, making Dallas the safest largest City in the nation.

In alignment with this vision, we are excited about an emerging opportunity. Axon has presented a comprehensive proposal that promises not only immediate benefits for our personnel but also fortifies the City's capabilities for the next decade. This forward-looking approach provides both cost-efficiency and program longevity.

This 10-year cooperative purchasing agreement will allow for the purchase of licenses and installation of hardware and software for body worn, in-car, interview room camera systems, electronic control weapons, unmanned aircraft systems and associated software for the Police Department, Code Compliance, Dallas Fire Rescue, Dallas Animal Services, Dallas Marshal's Office, and Dallas Municipal Courts. The term of this agreement is 10 years totaling \$146,855,764.27. The average combined annual cost for all City Departments to be paid out on an annual basis is \$14,685,576

This comprehensive contract includes all hardware, software, 10-year warranties, and equipment refreshes for:

- Taser 10
- Axon Signal Sidearm
- Axon Body 4 body-worn cameras
- In-car camera systems
- Axon Interview
- Axon Air

These comprehensive licenses provide a more effective and efficient method for maintaining many tools used in day-to-day operations and improve the transparency of officer and resident interaction, while creating a seamless process of collecting, delivering, and safeguarding data. Additionally, data collected from all devices listed above will be collected in one location making it easier to store and retrieve data, as necessary.

Some other key features to the license include, but are not limited to:

- Signal Sidearm which activates body worn and in-car cameras when a firearm is drawn
- Axon Evidence w/ unlimited storage digitally stores evidence in a centralized, secure system
- Axon Respond allows users to access livestreams directly from a device while recording
- Unlimited automatic transcription of recorded audio to speed up evidence review,

management, and sharing with judicial partners.

- Provides a data sharing tool that allows for the sharing of information to residents through a public web portal
- Inclusion of all consumables such as electronic control weapon batteries, duty and training cartridges, handles, and holsters

This agreement will supersede the prior award made in December 2022. This more robust award will combine multiple contracts, some not included in the 2022 award, and provide a path forward for Taser 10 which will provide more enhanced safety features for officers, includes Axon air for DPD’s drone program, add body-worn cameras for Code Compliance and Dallas Marshal’s Office, and provide expansion of the programs over the life of the contract as needed by the City.

Approval of this item will continue the City’s efforts to capture, preserve, and manage evidence. By bundling these solutions, the City can leverage all the necessary tools to improve efficiencies across all City of Dallas entities and keep officers and communities safe. Though this is a 10-year contract, the City will only expend the amounts appropriated annually and approved by Council during the biennial budget development process.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
General Fund	\$3,559,096.93	\$10,368,968.70	\$89,906,379.69
Communication Service Fund	\$2,750,683.48	\$ 3,231,303.17	\$33,897,948.90
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	\$2,587,410.80	\$553,972.60	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,897,191.21</b>	<b>\$14,154,244.47</b>	<b>\$123,804,328.59</b>

Should you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (214) 670-5299.

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