



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 23, 2023

To: Albert P. Childress, City Manager
Christina Bervaldi, Finance Director

From: Sean T. Brandenburg, Chief of Police

Subject: Axon Virtual Reality Training System

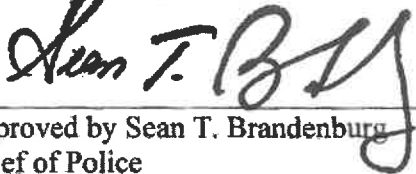
Pursuant to purchasing Code 2-844 relating to Brand Name Specifications, "Since use of a brand name specification is restrictive of product competition, it may be used only when the Purchasing Agent makes a written determination that only the identified brand name item will satisfy the City's needs."

Additionally, "The Purchasing Agent shall seek to identify sources from which the designated brand name item can be obtained and shall solicit such sources to achieve whatever degree of price competition is practicable. If only one source can supply the requirement, the procurement shall be made under the sole source procurement provisions of section 2-797".


In this case, the sole source vendor, Axon Enterprises, Inc. provides the Axon brand Virtual Reality Training system, which is the only VR training system that allows for the real time use of our Axon Taser 7s. This VR training system will allow our officers to immerse themselves in crisis situations with their own Taser providing them an indispensable form of training that gives them an opportunity to focus on de-escalation. Additionally, the Axon VR Training system is the only VR training system that is also compatible with our current Evidence.com service. This service would serve as the central repository for all digital evidence and will store the training records captured on the Axon device.


Purchasing Code 2-797 (1) b. states, "A contract may be awarded without competition when the department head makes a written determination and the purchasing agent verifies that, after conducting a good faith review of available sources, there is only one source for the required commodity or contractual service."

After a good faith review, this confirms the brand Axon VR training system, by Axon Enterprises, Inc., meets the City's needs and will provide immersive de-escalation training that will ultimately make our community and officers safer.


Approved by Sean T. Brandenburg
Chief of Police


Date


Approved by Jessica A. Durocher
Purchasing Agent


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