



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of one hundred (100) Body Worn Cameras, one hundred (100) Taser units, three (3) search and rescue unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), as well as all related licensing, software, warranties, cloud storage and training services for law enforcement based upon the University of Nebraska Master Agreement 3544-21-4615 between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Axon Enterprise, Inc., effective December 21, 2022.

Contract Value: \$2,000,000.00

Contract Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$275,000.00; FY 2026 \$431,250.00; FY 2027 \$431,250.00; FY 2028 \$431,250.00; and FY 2029 \$431,250.00

Accounts: Equipment 51001.540132

Contract Number(s): #74000014996

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

Piggyback contract based on a Cooperative Procurement Agreement with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Law Enforcement would like to piggyback off the University of Nebraska Master Agreement 3544-21-4615 between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the purchase of one hundred (100) Body Worn Cameras, one hundred (100) Taser units, three (3) search and rescue unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), as well as related licensing, software, warranties, cloud storage and training services for law enforcement.

The Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act along with the recently passed Illinois SAFE-T Act requires the use of officer-worn body cameras. Axon Enterprise has been providing both body-worn cameras and Taser units to the Department of Law Enforcement since 2019. The execution of a new contract with Axon Enterprise is necessary as the current contract expires on December 31, 2024. Axon has upgraded its technology and will provide new body-worn cameras and Taser units for law enforcement to replace the existing units which are nearing their expected end of life cycle. Thus, the need to purchase these new products is critical.

The purchase of three (3) unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for search and rescue operations by Law Enforcement will enhance the department's ability to search the Forest Preserves for persons reported missing and those that are lost in part of our nearly 70,000 acres of land. Said unmanned aerial vehicles will allow effective communication between the vehicle's trained operator and officers conducting the search. This capability will enhance protection of the patrons in the Forest Preserves and of the sworn personnel. When searching for a missing or lost person, this unmanned aerial technology is critical to cover large areas of land quickly.

On July 25, 2024, the Cook County Board Approved Item No. 24-3209, which allowed the Cook County Sheriff and the Cook County Public Defender to enter into and execute a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for Taser Devices, Body Cameras and Related Products and Services.

The Department of Law Enforcement requests that this proposed piggyback contract, in the sum of \$2,000,000.00 with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for five (5) years be approved.