



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**  
Executive Director's  
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: MAY 10, 2018**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39853 FOR  
PURCHASE OF CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPONS**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39853 (Transmittal 1) with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ, for the purchase of conducted electrical weapons (Taser Devices) and accessories for use by Port Police sworn personnel. The proposed purchase is to replace the current stock of less lethal handheld Tasers, which are at the end of their service life.

The total amount of the contract, including sales tax and delivery charges is \$219,424.86 for the purchase of 130 Taser Devices. This contract is the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines as determined by the Director of Environmental Management;
2. Award and approve Contract No. 39853 to Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of conducted electrical weapons;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 39853 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – A Taser Device provides police officers with a handheld less-lethal use of force option when encountering uncooperative suspects while performing their law enforcement duties. Taser Devices are the law enforcement industry standard to provide

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a less lethal option in the use of force continuum. The intention of a Taser is to control a violent or potentially violent individual and minimize risk of serious injury to that subject, officers or the community.

Officers are required to complete training prior to carrying Taser Devices and are bound by Department Policy on "Conductive Energy Devices", the policy includes an additional requirement for annual recertification training.

Taser Devices are currently issued to all Port Police officers and are carried while on patrol, during calls for service, and during other types of law enforcement response operations. Taser Devices fire two small dart-like electrodes, which attach to the skin and are connected to the unit by thin wires. An electric current is transmitted which disrupts voluntary muscle control causing temporary incapacitation.

The current inventory of 140 Tasers Devices are at the end of their 10-year service life and need to be replaced. The new units include additional safety features such as auto shutdown that prevents officers from delivering extended electricity beyond the recommend delivery time, reducing liability and potential injuries to the subject. The ability to auto-adjust the output level of the electro shock needed to effectively achieve Neuromuscular Incapacitation, enhancing officer safety while reducing the over deliverance of electricity; and the a feature that automatically enhances its output of electricity to overcome clothing barriers, which the current units do not have.

Selection Process – A determination was made by CPD that Axon Enterprises, Inc. is the sole manufacturer of the Taser Devices, to the extent, that the vendor is the only supplier of the Tasers and a competitive process under Charter Section 371 was not possible. (Axon's Sole Source Letter dated April 5, 2018 (Transmittal 2))

Axon's warranty provisions are applicable on all sales of Law Enforcement Products, including Tasers Devices and related accessories. The warranty provisions and language have been reviewed by Port Police and Contracts and Purchasing and has been found to be acceptable. (Transmittal 3)

General Conditions, Section 7, Price Guarantee, as requested by Axon, have been deleted in its entirety. (Transmittal 4)

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is to approve a contract award with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of conducted electrical weapons and accessories for use by Port Police sworn personnel, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed contract authorizes the purchase of 130 Taser Devices in the amount of \$219,424.86, including all sales tax and delivery charges. A portion of the funds, in the amount of \$160,000, will come from Port Police Asset Forfeiture Account 19039, Center 7000, Program 000. The remaining balance of \$59,424.86 is available this fiscal year in Account 55110, Center 0412, Program 000. All funds will be expended in FY2018.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the subject contract as to form and legality.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Contract No. 39853
2. Axon Sole Source Letter
3. Axon Warranty Provisions
4. Bid No. F-1013 Addendum

FIS Approval:  (initials)  
CA Approval:  (initials)



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