

Notice of Intent to Certify Sole Source

To: Interested Parties

From: Candice Webster
Accountant/Auditor III

Date: April 25, 2017

RE: Sole Source Certification for Taser International, Inc

It is the intent of Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to award sole source status to Taser International, Inc. for the purchase of 222 New Taser X26Ps upfront with 5 year warranties, 220 Holsters (200 left, 20 right), and 220 XPPM batteries.

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks issues this notice in accordance with Mississippi State law, policy, and procedures.

Sole Source Criteria

1. Where the compatibility of equipment, accessories, or replacement parts is the paramount consideration (and manufacturer is the sole supplier).
2. Where a sole supplier's item is needed for trial use or testing.
3. Where a sole supplier's item is to be required when no other item will service the needs of Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

Schedule

| Task | Date |
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| First Advertisement Date | April 25, 2017 |
| Second Advertisement Date | May 02, 2017 |
| Response Deadline from Objectors | May 15, 2017 |
| Notice of Award/No Award Posted | May 17, 2017 |

Project Details

1. Describe the commodity that the agency is seeking to procure:

| 222 X26P Cew |
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| High efficiency flashlight |
| Red LASER (used for target acquisition) |
| Central Information Display (CID): Displays data such as calculated remaining energy, burst time, and notifications |
| The Trilogy log system records information from a variety of sensors into three data logs: Event log, Pulse log, and Engineering log. Data can be downloaded using a universal serial bus (USB) data interface module connected to a personal computer (PC). Data may be transferred to Evidence.com services. |
| Real-time clock with back-up battery |
| Onboard self-diagnostic and system status monitoring and reporting |
| Ambidextrous safety switch |
| Capable of audio/video recording with optional TASER CAM HD recorder |
| The trigger activates a single cycle (approximately five seconds). Holding the trigger down will continue the discharge beyond the standard cycle (except when used with an APPM or TASER CAM HD AS). The CEW cycle can be stopped by placing the safety switch in the down (SAFE) position. |
| Compatible with TASER standard series cartridges |
| Included in purchase: 220 Holsters (200 left, 20 right) and 220 XPPM batteries. |

2. Explain why the commodity is the only one (1) that can meet the needs of the agency:

MDWFP seeks to purchase 220 Conductive Electrical Weapons and related accessories for use by our Law Enforcement Bureau. These accessories for the X26P CEW include cartridges, holsters, data port kits and battery packs.

The use of pepper spray and firearms are MDWFP's current method to incapacitate or stop a dangerous suspect. Equipping officers with Tasers will reduce the risk of injury to themselves and increase protection for MDWFP officers. Other items such as pepper spray, batons have to be at a close distance to be effective thus puts the officer at close risk of cross contamination and becoming overcome by the same munitions that he or she used on the suspect. The X26P CEW is a 15-25 foot weapon for law enforcement agencies to use. The X26P features a static laser, with an arc switch that enables an officer to drive stun with or without a smart cartridge installed. TASER CEW is a "digital" conductive electrical weapon. That being said the fact that it is a digital CEW allows for the usage and voltage to be displayed and recorded thus showing on legal hearings that the weapon was used in the correct manner and the minimum voltage was used to subdue the suspect by the usage of the 3 data logs: Event log, Pulse log, and Engineering log.

"Taser" electrical smart weapons have been around for 13 plus years now and court rulings on the usage have already been argued and proven as to its effectiveness and need as an alternative to using deadly force. Taser CEW is a needed tool for an officer's option for intermediate force level.

The accessories for the X26PCEW, including cartridges, holsters, data port cables and battery packs are specific to the unit and are only available from the manufacturer.

- 3. Explain why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required commodity:**
Taser International is the sole manufacture and exclusive distributor for the X26P CEW and related products. See "Attachment A", supporting letter from Taser International.
- 4. Explain why the amount to be expended for the commodity is reasonable:**
The amount to be expended for the X26Ps will not exceed 400,000.00, including shipping. This amount is within the expected price range of this quality of weapon.
- 5. Describe the efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the commodity:**
All reasonable resources have been expended in the attempt to procure the best possible price for the aforementioned items. These resources include, but are not limited to: internet searches, agency to agency searches, and direct calls to suppliers.

Submission Instructions and Format of Response from Objecting Parties

Interested parties who have reason to object to the sole source certification may object to this intent by filling out Attachment A "Objection to Sole Source Determination (OSS)". Responses will be received until 2:00 on _____. Responses may be delivered by email to Candice Webster candicel@mdwfp.state.ms.us.

If you have any questions concerning the information listed above, please contact Candice Webster at candicel@mdwfp.state.ms.us.

Attachment A: Objection to Sole Source Determination (OSS)