



City of Buchanan Police Department

Request for Purchase (RFP) Form

REQUESTOR Harvey Burnett	DEPARTMENT Police	DATE 11/29/22
REQUESTOR TITLE Chief of Police	NAME OF DEPARTMENT HEAD (If not requestor) S/A	

ITEM REQUESTED FOR PURCHASE

Item requested? Body Worn Cameras

Reason(s) for the RFP

The current DVM system from Digitalally that we use has been in service since 2012 and were upgraded in 2020 to include BWC. Unfortunately, the BWC system has degraded down to being 70% efficient and are not reliable. Hence, BWCs are malfunctioning and/or are not working, and the cost to replace the failing ones is not sustainable or cost efficient. The current system is no longer under warranty. Specifically, Digitalally is no longer servicing our current system since it is obsolete and has been phased out for their newer one-unit BWC system that is similar to the Axon system. This means that I must purchase parts (i.e., newer batteriess, camera cable cords, the camera itself, the power unit that houses the battery and connects the camera) to piece together a working BWC. When the officer's assigned BWC is not working, officers borrow another officer's BWC that works in order to have a working camera for their shift. This can be confusing for producing an evidence video for the courts since each BWC unit is assigned with the officer's name which cannot be changed without myself, or our IT personnel reprogramming the unit and then switch it back to the assigned officer. This is not feasible and may cause legal problems in criminal court cases.

Furthermore, several of the docking station's recharging/data downloading ports are no longer functioning, which further contributes to the problem. The docking station is a one-piece unit, and each docking port cannot be removed for replacement. This would require the purchase of a brand-new docking station if one were still available. The station is very expensive and is cost prohibitive. The need of having a consistently functioning BWC system is vital to the department operations and support of our citizens civil rights.

Is the item requested part of the Department Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)? Yes No
CIP Project Title? Digital Video Mobile & Body Worn Camera System Replacement
CIP Project Category? Digital Video Mobile & Body Worn Camera System Replacement
CIP Project Fiscal Year? 2024/2025

VENDOR

Name Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Address 17800 N 85 th St, Scottsdale, AZ 85255	Phone 800-978-2737
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Quote from Vendor attached? Yes No If not, why?

Reason(s) for recommending this Vendor

This vendor provides a higher quality product and better warranty.



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Two additional quotes attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If not, why?
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Item	Description	Quantity	Cost per unit	Total
1	Axon BWCs with hardware, software, & warranty	6	-	\$17,402.42
			TOTAL	\$17,402.42

Additional Information

The DVM/BWC system replacement is in our CIP. We are focusing on BWCs since this is an urgent equipment need. Unfortunately, the federal SRT BWC grant to help offset the purchase cost of the BWC system was not approved. However, a private donation of \$10,000 to the police department will be used towards this purchase. We also received a \$6,000 grant award from the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation towards the purchase of the BWCs. The remaining \$1,402.42 will come from a police operational budget line. I have applied for another 2024 SRT BWC grant to add three (3) BWCs.