



**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
**BRIAN J. GOULD**  
131 North Main Street  
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January 15, 2020

Dear Chairperson John E. Smith and Board of Finance Members,

In August of 2015, Thomas R. Grimaldi, Chief of Police at that time, submitted a letter (attached) requesting a sole source exemption. In summary, this request had to do with the purchasing of body worn cameras, electronic control devices and cloud data storage from Taser International, now known as Axon. This sole source exemption was granted and we entered into a five (5) year contract with Taser International (Axon). Our contract will be expiring on November 01, 2020. This purchase has been extremely beneficial to our operations, while protecting the interests of the Bristol Police Department and the Community we serve.

We are interested in continuing our business with Axon to continue our body worn camera and electronic control device program. Axon is the proprietor of the products and services that meet the specifications of the much needed body worn cameras, related equipment, services and electronic control devices of the nature and specificity requested by the Bristol Police Department. Therefore, pursuant to section 2-I; Proprietary and Sole Source Transactions, of the City of Bristol Purchasing Manual, please consider this correspondence as a request to contract with Axon as a sole source transaction.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. J. Gould", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Brian J. Gould

cc. Purchasing Agent  
Comptroller



## BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Thomas R. Grimaldi**  
Chief of Police

August 11, 2015

City of Bristol Board of Finance  
111 N. Main St.  
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Attention: Cheryl Thibeault, Board Chairperson

Dear Chairperson Thibeault and Board of Finance Members,

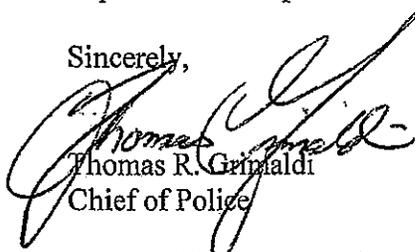
The Bristol Police Department (BPD) has conducted research for the past year concerning body worn cameras for our police officers. We have selected a camera and software product we feel best meets the needs of our officers, while protecting the interests of the BPD and the City of Bristol.

The BPD believes that the purchase of body worn cameras manufactured by Taser International is the best product for our needs. In addition to the body worn cameras, through negotiations, we were able to get Taser International to replace our aged Electronic Control Devices at a significant savings to the BPD as part of the overall contract. Taser International also has several other benefits that they offer which the other body worn cameras do not offer, including unlimited Cloud storage of all video/audio, a data management system, and Axon Mobile Application for IOS and Android devices.

With that being said, the BPD has determined that it is neither practical nor advantageous to award the proposed contract by competitive sealed bids or proposals, and that this sole source selection is in the City of Bristol's best interest.

First, there exists a need for the body worn cameras to be implemented in a timely manner, which cannot be aptly met through a competitive bid proposal process. Second, there is only one vendor able to meet the specifications of the needed body worn cameras, related equipment, services, and Electronic Control Devices of the nature and specificity requested by the BPD. Thus, pursuant to section 2-I; Proprietary and Sole Source Transactions, of the City of Bristol Purchasing Manual a sole source exemption is being requested for this purchase only, and to be awarded to Taser International.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Grimaldi  
Chief of Police

*"To protect and serve the community with integrity and professionalism"*