



**CHIEF OF POLICE
BRIAN J. GOULD**

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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 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).

This contract expired on November 01, 2020. As this purchase had been extremely beneficial to our operations, while protecting the interests of the Bristol Police Department and the Community we serve, we continued our business with Axon; signing another contract to continue our body worn camera and electronic control device program (sole source transaction approved). 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.

In July, 2020, CT passed AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY. This bill has numerous mandates, one of which states; by July 1, 2022, all law enforcement units must require the use of dashboard cameras with a remote recorder in each police patrol vehicle used by any of the officers it employs (CGS §29-6d, as amended by PA 20-1, JSS). As a result, we will need to outfit our fleet with dashboard cameras. As we already have a platform in place with Axon, we will be partnering with Axon to purchase dashboard cameras, which will interact with our current system.

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,

Chief Brian J. Gould

cc. Purchasing Agent
Comptroller

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