

Lewis County—Sole Source Justification

Appendix C

This form was completed by:

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Undersheriff

Sheriff's Office

Name

Title

Department

Requested Vendor: Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Cost Estimate: \$216,659.94
Vendor's Address: 17800 N 85th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85255	Vendor Phone: 253-389-2615
Vendor Email	Vendor Contact
Address/Website: alaguilar@axon.com	Name: Alex Aguilar

1. Describe the product, service, or system. Attach all information:

35 Taser 10 conducted energy weapons.

2. Below are eligible reasons for sole source. Check all boxes below that apply to your sole source situation and attach any useful documents to justify the sole source. Space is available on page 2 to describe the applicable reasons.

- ☒ **Compatibility to existing County standard or to existing equipment, inventory, systems, data, programs, or service.** Describe. List efforts to find other sources.
- ☒ **Licensed or patented product with only one dealer.** Describe. Attach documentation if available, to confirm your source is the only dealer or supplier for this region.
- ☒ **Only authorized Service Provider, Repair and/or Warranty Services.** Describe.
- ☒ **Unique design:** Purchase requires unique features that are essential to its design and specific to a particular supplier. Describe.
- ☐ **Used item:** Surplus item bought through an auction or distributor that would represent good value and is advantageous to the County. Describe.
- ☐ **Delivery Date:** Only one supplier can meet required delivery date. Describe and list efforts to find other suppliers to meet the delivery date.
- ☐ **Project or Research Continuity:** Product, systems, services, or data must comply with an ongoing project, research, data, testing or analysis. Results would be interrupted or compromised without continuity. Describe.
- ☐ **Other:** Please describe:

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Provide a Description of the Sole Source Reasons Checked on Page 1:

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STATEMENT OF NEED:

My department's recommendation for sole source is based upon an objective review of the good/service being required and appears to be in the best interest of the County. I know of no conflict of interest on my part or personal involvement in any way with this request. No gratuities, favor, or compromising action have taken place. Neither has my personal familiarity with particular brands, types of equipment, materials, or firms been a deciding influence on my request to sole source this purchase when there are other known suppliers to exist.

/S/Kevin Engelbertson

Signature of Requestor

09/30/2026

Date

Signature of Elected Official or Appointed Director
(if under \$40,000)

Date

Note: Board of County Commissioners approval required for over \$40,000.

Please complete this form in its entirety and include with the payment voucher requesting payment to the vendor. Please retain a copy for your records.

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The Sheriff's Office also plans to transition functional X26P devices to our corrections deputies. This will provide Corrections with additional less-lethal options while allowing the County to continue receiving value from equipment that remains serviceable.

The Sheriff's Office has anticipated the need to replace our aging patrol TASER equipment and has intentionally tailored current budget expenditures to meet this need. The purchase can therefore be completed using funds already included in the current budget, without requiring an additional appropriation.

This purchase will allow the Sheriff's Office to modernize its primary patrol TASER system, improve available less-lethal capabilities, provide additional equipment to Corrections, and make use of existing budgeted funds that were specifically planned for this anticipated replacement.