



# City Council Report

**Date:** July 1, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
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**Subject:** Purchase of Forty-Four Replacement Ballistic Helmets for the Police Department **(Sole Source) (Funded by 2013 Arizona Department of Homeland Security Grant)**

## Purpose and Recommendation

Council is requested to approve a contract to purchase ballistic helmets for the Police Department as recommended.

Police and Purchasing recommend awarding the contract to the sole source vendor, Ops-Core at \$37,554.53.

## Background / Discussion

Mesa Police Department has two Rapid Response Teams that consist of eighteen officers with specialized weapons and tactics skills, an explosive ordinance detail, command officers and support staff. Each team needs to have the equipment and training for incidents such as structural collapse situations (either natural or caused by terrorism), rescue incidents, release of hazardous materials and chemical agents, SWAT situations and natural disasters.

The ballistic helmets must meet the National Institute of Justice requirements and US Army - Advanced Combat Performance Specification dated December 2005. The SWAT team compared and determined that a "high cut" model is the most suitable for their specific needs. Features compared include, internal padding, comfort when wearing electronic ear protection, ability to mount night vision goggles, rails that allow attachment of hands free lighting systems, weight and impact protection.

The City issued a Request for Bid in September 2013 and since that time there have been four bids released. Each bid resulted in either no bids received or the responses did not meet the needs of the SWAT team. Consequently, Purchasing has deemed this is a sole source purchase.

Ops-Core, the manufacturer of the helmet, provided a reasonable quote for \$35,563.00, plus tax of \$1,991.53, for the total amount of \$37,554.53. This vendor will also be able to meet the department's delivery deadlines.

## Alternatives

Council may choose not to authorize the purchase.

## Fiscal Impact

The total amount of \$37,554.53 is available through 2013 Arizona Department of Homeland Security grant funding.

## Coordinated With

Police and Purchasing

## **PURCHASING INFORMATION**

Action: Award

Procurement Type: Sole Source

Solicitation Number: 2014275

Local Consideration: Policy did not apply to this procurement method

Protests Received: None

Pricing Available to Other Cooperative Agencies: No

## **AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

*Ops-Core, Inc.*

**Boston, MA**

Description	
Quantity 44 – FAST Ballistic High Cut XP with Skeleton Shroud: Occ-Dial (Medium / Large) – Green @ \$808.25 each per Quote 11001 dated 4/24/2014	
Base	\$35,563.00
5.6% Use Tax	<u>\$1,991.53</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$37,554.53</u></b>