



Gaston County

Gaston County
Board of Commissioners
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Sheriff's Office

Board Action

File #: 24-360

Commissioner Brown - Sheriff's Office - To Authorize a Sole Source Contract with Premier Body Armor for the Purchase of Body Armor Vests (\$92,833)

STAFF CONTACT

Pat Laws - Budget & Strategy - 704-866-3771

BUDGET IMPACT

State Grant Funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Sheriff's Office will use state-directed grant funds for the acquisition and/or upgrade of safety equipment (body armor vests) that has expired.

North Carolina General Statute 143-129(e)(6) provides an exception to the competitive procurement process and authorizes a sole source exception for informal and formal purchases when (1) performance or price competition is not available; (2) product is available from only one source; or (3) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. The body armor vests fall under sections 2 and 3 of the sole source authorization.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Sole Source Letter; Premier Estimate Quote

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2024-271	07/23/2024	BH	TK	A	AB	A	A	A	A	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS



July 9, 2024

To whom it may concern,

This letter is prepared exclusively for the Gaston County Sheriff's Office in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Premier Body Armor LLC, operating principally out of its Headquarters in Gastonia, NC is the manufacturer of its Premier Body Armor branded products and the only entity able to offer Premier Body Armor branded products for this request. The Gaston County Sheriff's Office has previously procured a limited quantity of vests from Premier Body Armor and under this new request Premier Body Armor will be providing additional vests of the same model and protection level.

Premier Body Armor provides industry-leading, quality armor solutions for Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the southeast and is pleased at the opportunity to manufacture armor for the Gaston County Sheriff's Office also.

Premier Body Armor is appreciative of your consideration of its products.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Stewart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Stewart

Alex.stewart@premierbodyarmor.com

President - Premier Body Armor



Premier Body Armor

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Gastonia, NC 28054
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Estimate

Order #	Date
S1009810	07/12/2024



Bill To:	Ship To:
Gaston County Sheriff's Department 425 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way Gastonia, NC 28053	Gaston County Sheriff's Department 425 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way Gastonia, NC 28053
Customer: Gaston County Sheriff's Department	Contact: Gaston County Sheriff's Depart

Notes: SO1009753 like old PO105131

Memos

Date	User	Memo			
Sales Rep	Payment Terms	FOB Point	Carrier	PO#	Estimated Tax
Louis Fontenot	NET 30	Origin	Best Way		\$ 6,073.20

Item				Qty	
#	Number	Description	Unit Price	Ordered	Total Price



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#	Number	Description	Unit Price	Ordered	Total Price
1	RAPTOR	RAPTOR Vest - Level IIIA Premier Raptor Zipper Vest with NIJ Level IIIA Phoenix Ballistic Panels Shooters Cut Exceptional strong and durable denier Cordura outer shell construction Adjustable side elastic closure Adjustable and removable cummerbund Cushion webbing interior for cooler air flow and comfort Custom fitted to individual user. Full Rows Front Laser Molle No Creases on Back Nylon Black Zipper Name Strip Velcro & Grommets Badge Area Velcro & 2 Vertical Grommets 2 Pocket & Velcro ID 2 Zipper Pockets 2 Kangaroo Pockets 2 Slit Pocket Back Drag Strap Custom agency ID 1. Back Patch- "SHERIFF" (Black background and silver letters) Color: Black Size: See Attached List Made in USA 5-year ballistics and 2-year carrier Warranty	\$859.00	69 ea	\$ 59,271.00
2	Name Strip	Name Strip Front Patch-"First Initial, Middle Initial, Last Name" (Black background and Silver letters) See Attached List	\$0.00	69 ea	\$ 0.00
3	ID Patch	ID Patch Back Patch- "SHERIFF" (Black background and Silver letters)	\$0.00	69 ea	\$ 0.00



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4	RAPTOR VEST ONLY	RAPTOR Vest Only Premier Raptor Zipper Vest Shooters Cut Exceptional strong and durable denier Cordura outer shell construction Adjustable side elastic closure Adjustable and removable cummerbund Cushion webbing interior for cooler air flow and comfort Custom fitted to individual user. Full Rows Front Laser Molle No Creases on Back Nylon Black Zipper Name Strip Velcro & Grommets Badge Area Velcro & 2 Vertical Grommets 2 Pocket & Velcro ID 2 Zipper Pockets 2 Kangaroo Pockets 2 Slit Pocket Back Drag Strap Custom agency ID 1. Back Patch- "SHERIFF" (Black background and silver letters) Color: Black Size: See Attached List Made in USA 5-year ballistics and 2-year carrier Warranty	\$357.00	77 ea	\$ 27,489.00
5	Name Strip	Name Strip Front Patch-"First Initial. Middle Initial. Last Name" (Black background and Silver letters) See Attached List	\$0.00	77 ea	\$ 0.00
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Subtotal:	\$86,760.00
Sales Tax:	\$6,073.20
Total:	\$92,833.20
Paid:	\$0.00
Balance Due:	\$92,833.20