

## JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CERTIFICATION

**Sole Source Purchases** are defined clearly, based upon a legitimate need, and are limited to a <u>single</u> <u>supplier</u>. Sole source purchases are normally not allowed except when based upon strong technological grounds such as operational compatibility with existing equipment and related parts or upon a clearly unique and/or cost effective feature requirement. The use of sole source purchases must be justified and shall be limited only to those specific instances in which compatibility or technical performance needs are being satisfied.

**Sole Source Services** are defined as a service provider providing technical expertise of such a unique nature that the service provider is clearly and justifiably the only practicable source available to provide the service. The justification shall be based on the uniqueness of the service, sole availability at the location required, or warranty or defect correction service obligations of the service provider.

This form must be filled out for the request to purchase any good or non-professional service that requires a competitive procurement process (informal quotes (\$2,500-\$10,000), formal quotes (\$10,001 - \$29,999.99), or formal bid (\$30,000 or more) as defined in the LFUCG's Purchasing Manual. This form must be completed in its entirety and attached to the purchase requisition.

Note: Sole Source Purchase requests for goods exceeding \$30,000 will require approval by the Urban County Council by submitting an Administrative Review Form. A copy of this form must be signed off by Central Purchasing and attached to the Administrative Review Form.

#### **Requesting Division**

Name: Commander Matthew Greathouse Division/Dept Lexington Police Dept Phone: 859-280-8438 Email mgreathouse@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov Type of Purchase: () Goods/Materials/Equipment (X) Services Cost: \$236,250.00 Sole Source Request for the Purchase of: 1 year of service for 75 LPR's One Time Purchase X To Establish Sole Source Provider Contract (subject to annual review and approval by Central Purchasing and/or Urban County Council) Vendor Information Business Name: Flock Safety Contact Name: Dan Mento Address: 1170 HOWELL MILL ROAD, NW **SUITE 210** ATLANTA, GA 30318

Phone: 203-868-1538 Email: dan.mento@flocksafety.com



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#### **STATEMENT OF NEED**: (Add additional pages as needed)

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

# 1. Describe the product or service and list the necessary features this product provides that are not available from any other option.

Flock Safety is a company which provides Automatic License Place Readers (ALPR) for the Lexington Police Department. The agency is currently using 25 ALPR's and these will be an expansion of that product.

Flock Safety also integrates with Axon, which is the agencies Body Worn Camera and digital evidence provider. Investigators are able to migrate evidence directly from the Flock Safety database to the Axon digital evidence server. No other ALPR provider has this capability.

#### 2. Below are eligible reasons for sole source. Check one and describe.

Licensed or patented product or service. No other vendor provides this. Warranty or defect correction service obligations to the consultant. Describe why it is mandatory to use this licensed or patented product or service.

**X** Existing LFUCG equipment, inventory, custom-built information system, custom-built data inventory system, or similar products or programs. Describe. If product is off-the-shelf, list efforts to find other vendors (i.e. web site search, contacting the manufacturer to see if other dealers are available to service this region, etc.).

# The Lexington Police Department is currently using 25 of the ALPR's from Flock Safety. This will be an expansion of that project with the same equipment. Flock Safety is also integrated with Axon, our digital evidence provider.

□ Uniqueness of the service. Describe. The program works in conjunction with the existing software we already use. No other program can integrate with the program we have.

 $\Box$  The LFUCG has established a standard for this manufacturer, supplier, or provider and there is only one vendor. Attach documentation from manufacturer to confirm that only one dealer provides the product.

□ Factory-authorized warranty service available only from this single dealer. Sole availability at the location required. Describe.



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Used item with bargain price (describe what a new item would cost). Describe.

□ Other – The above reasons are the most common and established causes for an eligible sole source. If you have a different reason, please describe:

3. Describe efforts to find other vendors or consultants (i.e. phone inquires, web site search, contacting the manufacturer to see if other dealers are available to service region, etc.).

We have investigated several LPR providers and none of them integrate with Axon directly. Also, none of the other LPR manufactures are able to integrate onto the same platform we are currently using, Flock Safety. Only Flock Safety ALPR are able to be used on that platform.

4. How was the price offered determined to be fair and reasonable? (Explain what the basis was for comparison and include cost analyses as applicable.)

The price has been found to be fair, reasonable and within industry standards.

5. Describe any cost savings realized or costs avoided by acquiring the goods/services from this supplier.

We are achieving a cost savings by establishing a sole source with Flock Safety for annual renewal. We currently have 25 cameras in a trail phase. Those cameras have already been installed free of charge. When those are to be paid for in FY24, we will save in excess of \$7500 on those specific cameras with the additional 75 cameras in the same year for a, for a total savings of \$30,000.