



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#24-0709**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** August 20, 2024

**TITLE:** Motion Approving the Additional Purchase of Police Department Firearms -  
BAQ Defense LLC D/B/A Cobalt Kinetics - \$478,329 - (**Commission  
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the additional purchase of Police Department firearms and accessories from BAQ Defense LLC D/B/A Cobalt Kinetics, in the amount of \$478,329.

**Background**

The Police Department requests that the City Commission approve the purchase of Police Department firearms needed to meet the Police Department's One Rifle Program. The program will allow the distribution of sophisticated technology to each of our patrol officers. The new technology will include red dots, lasers, suppressors and the latest in loading technology.

On August 29, 2023, the Procurement Services Division issued Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 173-1 for the Purchase of Cobalt Kinetics Pro Rifles or an approved equal for the Police Department. On September 11, 2023, the solicitation ended with a total of two (2) bids submitted. Sionics Weapon Systems ("Sionics") was the apparent low bidder. However, the Police Department provided justification (Exhibit 3) on the approved equal submitted by Sionics. It did not meet their requirements/specifications and deemed non-responsive. As a result, the Chief Procurement Officer under his delegated authority awarded the ITB to BAQ Defense D/B/A Cobalt Kinetics ("Cobalt") to purchase firearms for an initial two-year period and an option to renew for an additional one-year period. The Police Department initially purchased 68 rifles and accessories totaling \$96,560.

The Police Department is requesting to purchase an additional 332 rifles and accessories in the amount of \$478,329 to finalize the Police Department's One Rifle Program. As part of this purchase, the Police Department is requesting additional features not included in the original solicitation pursuant to Section 2.12.3 of the ITB. The original purchase included the MBUS Pro Sight-Front (MBUS275). The add on items are the MBUS Pro

Sight-Rear (MBUS276) and the QD Mlok Mount (Exhibit 4). The CK-Pro Lite 11.5” 5.56x45mm current listed price is \$1,985.71. According to the vendor, the best available price to purchase 332 rifles in today’s market is \$1,580 per rifle. Moving forward with this purchase under the term contract and price (\$1,255 per rifle) yields a cost savings of \$107,900 to the City.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the city in the amount of \$478,329 for FY2024.

<b>Funds available as of July 22, 2024</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-104-5070-521-30-3999	Police Confiscated Property – Operations	Other Supplies	\$1,641.700	\$542,008	\$478,329
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					<b>\$478,329</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2024 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 - Solicitation
- Exhibit 2 - Bid Tabulation
- Exhibit 3 - Approved Equal Memorandum
- Exhibit 4 - Quotes

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