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MEMORANDUM

TO: Darin Schierbaum, Chief of Police

FROM: Chandra Houston, Interim Chief Procurement Officer

RE: Notice of Emergency Request for - **EP/PS/APD/2502-1250131**,
Name of Project: **Civil Disturbance Unit Equipment (CDU)**

DATE: 3/24/2025

Pursuant to Section 2-1192 of the Procurement and Real Estate Code of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances (“Code”), the Chief Procurement Officer may initiate an Emergency Procurement where it has been determined in writing that a threat exists to public health, welfare, or safety under emergency conditions for the purchase of supplies, services, construction items, professional or consultant services.

The City of Atlanta’s Police Department (“APD”) has requested an Emergency Authorization Designation to engage **Public Order Solutions**, to provide the following services (“Services”): **the provision of riot protection equipment**.

An investigation has been conducted of the available sources for the provision of the Services and my findings are as follows:

1. The Atlanta Police Department (“APD”) is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of the City’s residents and visitors. APD also maintains public safety and order during instances of civil unrest, ensuring that demonstrations remain peaceful while protecting the rights of citizens to assemble. Officers are trained in crowd control tactics, including de-escalation techniques and the use of non-lethal methods when necessary to manage large gatherings.

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2. In the event of civil unrest, tactical gear like riot helmets, body armor, and shields are used to protect law enforcement officers and assist in managing volatile situations, ensuring the safety of both officers and civilians from potentially violent crowds. During civil unrest, deployment of tactical gear protects law enforcement officers from harm while managing large, potentially violent crowds. The equipment enables officers to carry out their duties effectively while minimizing the risk of injury. APD’s current civil disturbance equipment has expired and must be replaced and accessible in the event of civil unrest.
3. Public Order Solutions supplied a range of tactical gear to municipalities, enhancing the operational capabilities of local law enforcement. The equipment includes tools that are designed to improve safety and efficiency during high-risk situations. This acquisition aims to bolster public safety while ensuring officers are better prepared for emergency response and crisis management.
4. In an effort to procure Civil Disturbance Unit for the replacement of full body specialty equipment, APD conducted market research. The quotes were as follows:


Vendor	Response
Dana Safety Supply	No Response
Safeware	No Response
Public Order Solutions, LLC	\$250,764.49

5. **The cost of services:** This Emergency request cost of services with **Public Order Solutions** shall not exceed the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (**\$250,764.49**). The Emergency Authorization is for a period of **One (1) Year with Zero (0)** renewal options.

If you have any questions, please email your Category Lead Denise Lewin-Cirilo, via email dlewin-cirilo@atlantaga.gov.

I, Chandra Houston, by the authority vested in me pursuant to § 2-1192 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, do hereby approve, direct, and authorize the Emergency Procurement for professional services to be provided by **Public Order Solutions**.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Chandra Houston
 Interim Chief Procurement Officer

- cc: De'Shondrick Poole, Category Manager
 Brandi Stanley, Assistant Category Director
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