

## Office of the JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Darryl Forté

Jackson County Purchasing 415 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Kansas City, MO

September 22, 2025,

This memorandum serves as formal justification for the sole source procurement of the DRACO Gas System from JN Tactical for installation on the Lenco BearCat tactical vehicle operated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has 2025 budgeted funds for the acquisition of the DRACO Gas System to enhance the tactical capabilities of the Lenco BearCat. This system provides a critical, less-lethal option for de-escalating high-risk situations while ensuring the safety of both officers and the public.

## **Justification for Sole Source Procurement**

- The DRACO system is specifically designed for integration with the Lenco BearCat, requiring no structural modifications and preserving the vehicle's warranty. JN Tactical is the sole authorized distributor, installer, training coordinator and on-going support of the DRACO system for law enforcement use in the United States. DRACO system enables remote deployment of chemical agents (e.g., tear gas, pepper spray) from a secure, armored platform ideal for barricaded subjects, high-risk incidents and emergency situations requiring the tactical team. DRACO system reduces direct exposure to threats and supports de-escalation strategies. Aligns with other metro agencies using the DRACO system, promoting interoperability.
- **Procurement Compliance**: Meets Jackson County and Missouri state guidelines for sole source procurement due to proprietary design and lack of alternatives.
- Estimated Cost: \$26,225 (formal quote from JN Tactical attached)
- Cost-Benefit: Reduces long-term operational, legal, and medical costs by minimizing use-of-force incidents and improving resolution efficiency.

The DRACO Gas System is a strategic investment in the safety and operational effectiveness of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. I respectfully recommend approval of this sole source procurement through JN Tactical.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sergeant Adam Zarrillo
Emergency Response Team / Team Leader



April 10, 2025

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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that we are the sole manufacturer and distributor of all our patented products, including the DRACO gas delivery/breaching system and breaching tools. We have no distributors or manufacture representatives.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by either email or phone at 320-236-8228. Thanks again.

Jeff Herr CEO/Founder J&N Tactical Inc.