



# Bid Waiver Form

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<b>Short Description of Goods/Services</b>	Transcend Robotics Vantage Max tactical robot	<b>Total Cost</b>	\$140,000.00		
<b>Vendor Name</b>	Transcend Robotics	<b>MUNIS #</b>	W9 requested	<b>Req #</b>	pending
<b>Purchasing Officer</b>	Megan Rogan	<b>Date</b>	01/27/2025		
<b>Department</b>	Sheriff	<b>Email</b>	simpson.ira@danesherriff		
<b>Name</b>	Ira Simpson	<b>Phone</b>	608-576-1932		

**\*A VENDOR QUOTE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE WAIVER FOR APPROVAL\***

**Provide a detailed description of the goods/services intended to be purchased:**

Transcend Robotics Vantage Max tactical robot.  
That Vantage Max has both tank tread and wheel drive systems, two way audio, thermal and PTZ cameras, and can climb/descend stairs without operator assistance in positioning. For additional information, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.transcendrobotics.com/vantage-max>

**\*Send to a Purchasing Officer Once Completed\***



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## Procurement Exception List

- Emergency Procurement
- Unique and specific technical qualifications are required
- A special adaptation for a special purpose is required
- A unique or opportune buying condition exists
- Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements

Provide a detailed explanation as to why the competitive bidding (RFB/RFP) process cannot be used. Also provide a detailed justification in relation to the Procurement Exception(s) chosen:

The Dane County Sheriff's Office Tactical Response Team is purchasing a tactical, stair climbing robotics package that will be used in high-risk situations. The Transcend Robotics Vantage Max meets our requirements. It is weather resistance, has both PTZ and thermal cameras, two way audio, and can climb/descend stairs automatically, and turn around within it's length.

The ability to climb and descend stairs remotely is of particular note. The robot does not need to use articulating 'flippers' as many other competitors do. It also does not need human intervention to position itself on a stairway, keeping tactical operators out of harms way.

The ability to change from treads to wheels is also a benefit--depending on the terrain the robot is operating in.

Two way audio is crucial for gathering intelligence, and allowing for negotiators to communicate with suspects/victims.

A sole source letter is attached.

A W9 has been requested form the vendor.

## Bid Waiver Approval (For Purchasing Use Only)

Under \$45,000 (Controller)

\$45,000+ (Personnel & Finance Committee)

Date Approved:

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