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Chief of Police



Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ms. Patti McLauchlin, City Manager
FROM: Sean Brandenburg, Chief of Police *STB*
DATE: 12/21/22
RE: Purchase of (1) 2023 Ford F-350 Super-Duty Crew Cab Truck for Mounted Unit

Action Statement:

Authorize the purchase of (1) 2023 Ford F-350 Super-Duty Crew Cab Truck at a unit cost of \$77,486.74 from Bartow Ford, pursuant to the Florida Charlotte County Purchasing contract 21000541. This purchase is made pursuant to City of Key West Ordinance Section 2-797(3)(a)(b)(c), Section 2-797 4(b) (best interest).

Background:

The Key West Police Department is budgeted this fiscal year (FY22/23) to purchase (1) Ford F-350 Crew Cab Truck. This specific truck is needed to tow the Mounted Unit horse trailer. Currently, the Mounted Unit is utilizing an F-250 truck that is insufficient and does not provide the proper towing capacity for the horse trailer.

We attempted to obtain a quote from Alan Jay Automotive Network. They emailed and advised they were not able to provide us with a quote for the specific truck we requested. We did obtain a quote from Duval Ford; however, the quote did not include several specifications we requested.

Bartow Ford provided a quote with the requested specifications in the amount of \$77,486.74. This truck is designed specifically to meet the needs of the Key West Police Department. Bartow Ford was awarded the contract (21000541) for the Charlotte County, Florida Sheriff's Office Fleet in a competitive process.

Covid's economic devastation has resulted in labor and part shortages and very significant delays in delivery that still exist today. The Ford Motor Company has also the manufacturing of all Super-Duty trucks will be significantly impacted resulting in limited supply. Bartow Ford has advised us they will be able to obtain a limited number of 2023 Super-Duty trucks from the Ford Order Bank.

Quotes and specifications for all vehicles may have different codes for aftermarket or OEM equipment depending on the contract. All the equipment listed whether dealer installed or OEM from the factory is the same. The Bartow contract with Charlotte County calls for aftermarket equipment to be at cost.



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Based upon the above data and evaluation, standard equipment, dealer relationship, city maintenance history, and the manufacturers commitment to Law Enforcement, the Fleet Services Division of the City of Key West recommends this 2023 F-350 Super-Duty Crew Cab Truck.

Purpose and Justification:

The truck described is necessary to maintain proper function of essential components of the Key West Police Department's Mounted Unit. The current Ford F-250 being utilized is insufficient and does not provide the proper towing capacity for the horse trailer.

Vehicle Specifications and cost are as follows: (1) 2023 Ford F-350 Super-Duty Crew Cab Truck at a unit cost of \$77,486.74 from Bartow Ford, pursuant to the Florida Charlotte County Purchasing contract 21000541. See attached quotes for exact specifications.

Options:

One option is to purchase the truck from Bartow Ford Fleet, "piggy-backing" on Charlotte County's contract. This option would allow for the City of Key West to purchase the needed truck per the exact specifications required. The purchase of this truck provides an important tool for public safety, worker efficiency, and delivery of professional police service to the community.

Another option is to forgo the purchase of the truck. This would result in an increasing lack of functionality from using the undersized F-250, and increased cost to maintain a fleet past its useful and reliable service life.

Financial Impact:

A total amount of \$66,917.00 is budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget. The specific account is 101-2101-521.64, Infrastructure Surtax Fund, Police Department, Machinery and Equipment. Total actual cost is \$77,486.74, leaving a funding deficit of approximately \$10,570.00. We request the \$10,570 to be appropriated/transferred from the Infrastructure Surtax Fund Operating Reserve account, 101-1900-519.9803.

Recommendation:

Authorize the purchase of (1) 2023 2023 Ford F-350 Super-Duty Crew Cab Truck at a unit cost of \$77,486.74 from Bartow Ford, pursuant to the Florida Charlotte County Purchasing contract 21000541.



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