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TO: Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

**DATE:** January 16, 2015

**RE:** Authorize the purchase of 1 Unmarked Ford Police Interceptor sedan from Garber Fleet Sales. Authorize the purchase of 3 Ford F-250 Diesel Pickup Trucks from Duval Ford Fleet Sales. Authorize the purchase of 1 Ford Transit T-350 Cargo Van from Don Reid Ford at a total cost of \$178,203.00.

## Action Statement:

Authorize the purchase of 1 Marked Ford Interceptor Sedan at the cost of \$26,212 from Garber Fleet Sales, 1 Ford Transit T-350 Cargo Van from Don Reid Ford at a cost of \$27,650.00 under the Florida State Contract, and 3 Ford F-250XL 4WD Diesel Crew Cab Pickup Trucks at a unit/vehicle cost of \$41,447 (\$124,341) from Duval Ford under the Florida Sheriff's Contract for a total purchase cost of \$178,203.00. These purchases are made pursuant to City Ordinance Section 2-797(3) and are authorized pursuant to the State of Florida Purchasing Contract (Motor Vehicles #25100000-15-1) or the Florida Sheriff's Association Automotive Contract (#14-22-0904) from awarded dealers.

#### **Background:**

The Key West Police Department is budgeted this fiscal year (FY14/15) to purchase 1 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan to replace a 2006 Ford Explorer Unmarked Police Vehicle in use by the Criminal Investigations Division. In addition, 3 Ford F-250XL pickup trucks will be purchased to replace three remaining 2006 gas powered pickups in use by the Marine and Mounted Units. Two identical F-250's purchased last fiscal year have proven reliable and durable for pulling the department's boats and horse trailers. The Ford T-350 Transit Van is to replace the 2006 E-350 Van used as a prisoner transport vehicle. The Ford Transit series replaces the Econo-line series no longer in production. All of these vehicles have exceeded the fleet replacement cycle timeframe. The Police Department is committed to the Cities sustainability goals and plans to integrate hybrid vehicles for civilian uses.

Garber Ford's quote was the lowest for the Interceptor sedan under the State of Florida Vehicle Purchasing Contract. The Duval Ford quote from the Florida Sheriff's bid (Southern Region) was lowest for the F-250 Trucks. The Don Reid Ford quote under state contract was the lowest for the Transit Van. (See below)



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Unmarked Interceptor Sedan:

Duval Ford		Don Reid Ford
Garber State Contract Quote	Sheriff's Bid Quote (N and V	W Region) Sheriff's Bid Quote (C and S Region)
\$26,212.55	\$26,980.00	\$27,801.00
Ford F-250XL Diesel 4WD C	Crew Cab	
Duval Ford	Alan Jay Ford	
Sheriff's Bid Quote (South R	egion) Sheriff's Bid Quote	(Central Region) Duval Ford State Contract Quote
\$41,447.00	\$41,688.50	\$42,012.00
Ford Transit T-350 Van		
		Duval Ford*
Don Reid State Contract Quo	te <u>Duval State Contrac</u>	ct Quote Sheriff's Bid Quote (All Regions)
\$27,650.00	\$28,147.00	\$28,512.00

These (5) vehicles will be marked and unmarked police units assigned to the Patrol, Detective and Marine/Mounted units. The Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology develop equipment standards based on laboratory evaluation of commercially available products. Police vehicles are part of the equipment tested annually by the State of Michigan Department of State Police. A comprehensive evaluation is completed on the vehicles that meet the standards established by OLES. The 2015 Ford Police Interceptor meets these standards.

Based upon the above data and evaluation, standard equipment, 4 and 5 star NHSTA crash test rating for all three vehicle types, fail safe cooling systems, dealer relationship, city maintenance history on Ford Law Enforcement Vehicles, the Fleet Services Division of the City of Key West recommends the 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan, Ford Transit Van and the Ford F-250 Pickup trucks.

#### **Purpose and Justification:**

The vehicles described are necessary to maintain proper function of essential components of the Police Department. These vehicles are replacing 2006 Ford Explorers, Van, and Ford Pickup Trucks that have surpassed their useful service life due to their age and high mileage.

Vehicle Specifications are as follows: (1) Unmarked Ford Police Interceptor Sedan, All
Wheel Drive, Whelen Interior emergency light bar package. (1) Marked Ford T-350 Transit Van,
9500GVWR with medium roof height for prisoner transport, Whelen exterior emergency light bar package.
(3) Ford F-250XL 4WD Diesel Crew Cab Pickup Truck, Whelen interior emergency light bar package, roll n lock tonneau cover.



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### **Financial Impact:**

These vehicles are budgeted in the fiscal year 14/15 Police Department Budget in account 101-2101-521-6400.

#### **Options:**

One option is to purchase the vehicles from Garber Ford Fleet Sales, Duval Ford and Don Reid Ford Fleet Sales via Florida Sheriff's Bid Award 14-22-0904 and Florida State Purchasing Contract 25100000-15-1 in compliance with city ordinance 2-797(3).

This option would allow for the City of Key West to purchase the needed vehicles according to the exact specifications required and at the lowest cost to the City of Key West. The purchase of these vehicles provides important tools for public safety, worker efficiency and delivery of professional police service to the community.

The local Ford Dealer, Duncan Ford declined to offer a quote for these vehicles. (See Attached e-mail).

Another option is to forgo the purchase of the vehicles. This would result in an increasing lack of functionality from using eight and nine year old high mileage vehicles, as well as increased public safety risks and increased cost to maintain a fleet past its useful service life.

Recommendation: The Key West Police Department recommends the purchase of these vehicles.





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