## Donald J. Lee, Jr.





## Key West POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO:

Mr. Bob Vitas, City Manager

FROM:

Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

DATE:

December 20, 2013

RE:

SIRCHIE Evidence Collection Vehicle

Pursuant to Purchasing Code 2-844 relating to Brand Name Specifications, "Since use of a brand name specification is restrictive of product competition, it may be used only when the purchasing agent makes a written determination that only the identified brand name item will satisfy the City's needs."

Additionally, "The purchasing agent shall seek to identify sources from which the designated brand name item can be obtained and shall solicit sources to achieve whatever degree of price competition is practicable. If only one source can supply the requirement, the procurement shall be made under the sole source procurement provisions of section 2-797(1).

In this case the SIRCHIE Chevrolet Tahoe MCL100T Evidence Collection Vehicle has been chosen as the vehicle best suited to meet the needs of the Crime Scene Investigation function of the Key West Police Department. This selection was made after the departments evaluation of the Tahoe's currently in use by the Departments K-9 unit. The SIRCHIE MCL100T is a Police Specific built vehicle designed and constructed to be utilized in the most severe conditions. SIRCHIE has an established permanency in the construction of vehicles of this type. The Ford Expedition being replaced is a passenger vehicle that was not designed or built specifically for police service.

Purchasing Code 2-797(1) b. states, "A contract may be awarded without competition when the department head makes a written determination and the purchasing agent verifies that, after conducting a good faith review of available sources, there is only one source for the required commodity or contractual service.

SIRCHIE Vehicle Division is the sole source and distributor of the MCL100T Evidence Collection Vehicle designed to orderly and systematically house Evidence Collection/Forensic Investigative

Approved, Sue Snider, Purchasing Agent

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Approved, Mark Hinigan, Asst. City Manager

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