



## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**TO:** Jim Scholl, Interim City Manager  
Sarah Spurlock, Asst. City Manager

**FROM:** Michael Turner, Utilities Collection Manager

**DATE:** August 15, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of a 2015 Ford F250 with lift gate from Alan Jay Ford Lincoln Mercury for \$27,536.50 based on the best interests of the City; and the Purchase of a 2014 Ford Econoline Cargo Van from Duval Motors for \$37,607 through Piggybacking on the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract.

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### Action statement:

To purchase a 2015 Ford F250 with lift gate from Alan Jay Ford Lincoln Mercury for \$27,536.50. The dealer is offering a 2015 based on the 2014 bid from the Florida Sheriff's Association contract. This is in the best interests of the city and authorized through City Ordinance Sec 2-797(4). Also, to purchase a 2014 Ford Econoline Cargo Van from Duval Motors for \$37,607 via piggybacking on a competitive bid from the Florida Sheriff's Association. This purchase is authorized through City Ordinance Sec 2-797 (3).

### Background:

The truck was purchased in 1999 for the city's lateral testing crew. The truck was then given to the sewer department as a replacement for a mid-eighties pick-up. The other truck is #208 a 2004 F350 V10 gas powered truck. The trucks have served the city well but have become uneconomical to operate and maintain.

The new service van will be an upgrade from the current as a walk in type van with room for proper service equipment to keep them secure and free from exposure to the elements. Sophisticated electronics used for service to the equipment in the field can be stored in the vehicle to reduce repeated trips back to the storage facility. As City infrastructure grows and improves, equipment used to maintain it evolves as well.

*Key to the Caribbean – Average yearly temperature 77° F.*

MEMORANDUM

**Purpose & Justification:**

The 1999 Chevy 2500 truck and the 2004 F350 have begun to deteriorate due to both normal wear and tear and the harsh environmental conditions found in the Keys that eventually affects all metal vehicles and equipment. Industrial use vehicles of this type have an expected useful life of 5 to 7 years. Over fifteen and ten years of daily use in performing both routine and emergency maintenance activities at the WWTP and throughout the collection system, improvements within the system have outgrown its capacities.

**Options:**

1. The City could opt to forego the purchase of the vehicles, which would increase the risk of permanently damaged equipment, and/or injury of maintenance personnel.
2. The City could opt to purchase the vehicles. This would assure reliability due to them being new and under manufacturer's warranties.

**Financial Impact:**

These are budgeted items on the FY 2014 capital purchase list. The total cost is \$65,143.50 and will be spent from account number 401-3504-535-64.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends option 2, purchasing a 2015 Ford F250 with lift gate from Alan Jay Ford Lincoln Mercury for \$27,536.50 and a Ford Econoline Cargo Van from Duval Motors for \$37,607. The total amount for both vehicles is \$65,143.50.