

**Date:** July 3, 2019

**To:** Mark D. Israelson, City Manager

**From:** Gerald Cosgrove, P.E., Director of Public Works

**Subject:** 1.5-ton 4x4 Crew Cab with Utility Body, Center Box, and Liftgate Purchase Recommendation

It is the recommendation of Fleet Services to purchase one (1) 1.5-ton 4x4 Crew Cab with Utility Body, Center Box, and Liftgate in the amount of \$72,509.00 from Four Stars Ford, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder from Solicitation 2019-0476-B.

This unit is an approved new addition from the Capital Outlay List for FY18-19 Supplement 552007 in Cost Center 552 Fire. Due to operational demands, it is necessary to purchase at this time.

The purchase of this unit is necessary for the following reasons:

- 1. Current means of transporting Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) personnel, equipment, and supplies to hazmat incident scenes do not allow for the transportation of all necessary equipment. The HMRT must contact on-scene companies in advance to determine what equipment is needed and then load the equipment. This causes longer incident response times. This unit and the trailer it will haul will store and transport all HMRT equipment necessary for incident response. HMRT will no longer need to contact on-scene companies and load equipment before deploying, and incident response times will be reduced.
- 2. This unit will be used in place of major apparatuses that have been used to transport personnel, equipment, and supplies to hazmat incident scenes. Unnecessary wear and tear on front line apparatuses will be reduced.
- 3. If this unit is not purchased, response times to hazmat incidents would not be reduced and unnecessary, excessive wear and tear on front line apparatuses would continue.