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**MEMORANDUM**

**Purchasing Division  
Fire Department  
Public Works Department**

TO: John Lockerby, Village Manager

FROM: *Michael Aleksic*  
Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent

*Ralph Czerwinski*  
Ralph Czerwinski, Fire Chief

*Max Slankard*  
Max Slankard, Public Works Director

DATE: April 1, 2015

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item – April 06, 2015 Village of Skokie Board Meeting  
Tower Ladder Purchase Fleet #109/TRW 16**

Pricing for the subject item was obtained competitively through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Joint Government Purchasing Program. The Village is an active member of the HGAC and has purchased equipment through the program in the past. The Village also maintains a membership with the Northwest Municipal Conference. However, recent competitive bidding through the Northwest Municipal Conference did not include the type and style of chassis specified by the Village. The chassis selected by the Village will provide improved durability, functionality, safety and dependability. Additionally, purchasing through the HGAC eliminates an administrative fee, translating to an additional \$600.00 in savings to the Village.

**Budget Amount & Account:**                      \$1,292,025                      020-420-418.07-42    #163256

**Tabulation:**

Global Emergency Products, Aurora, Illinois.....\$1,164,155

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that a contract be awarded to Global Emergency Products, the authorized dealer for Pierce Manufacturing, and the Houston Galveston Area Council's awarded contractor, in the amount of \$1,164,155. The awarded amount includes the pre-pay discount of \$43,335.00.

Comments:

The FY15 Capital Improvement Plan budget provides for the replacement of a 1988 Pierce Aerial apparatus, current Village inventory # T17R/106. The current unit is being replaced at the recommendation of Fire Department staff and the Automotive Superintendent based on the age of the unit, mileage and life expectancy. The new aerial will be equipped with advanced safety technology and will be fully compliant with the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1901 - Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus.

The unit will be custom built with a ten (10) month build time by Pierce Manufacturing on a Dash-CF chassis and will have a 100' Tower Ladder. The new chassis offers economic value, high safety standards and features, improved reliability, dependability and comfort. All of our department specifications have been incorporated into the chassis and body, keeping with consistent standardization of our existing fleet. This purchase comes with a three (3) year bumper-to-bumper warranty. Fire Department staff and the Automotive Superintendent have reviewed the build specifications and are confident that the unit bid by Global Emergency Products and Pierce Manufacturing will provide satisfactory performance for our applications. The Village has previously worked with and purchased vehicles through Global Emergency Products and Pierce Manufacturing. The overall experience and history have been extremely positive.

A portion of the remaining funds in the budget will go towards the purchase and installation of equipment, tools and mobile computer hardware for the new Tower Ladder, as well as modification of the bay doors at Fire Station 16.

cc: Jason Wicha, Assistant Village Manager  
James Walters, Deputy Fire Chief  
Ken Borre, Deputy Fire Chief  
Steven Ludkowski, Fire Captain  
Jean Scher, Automotive Superintendent