



November 20, 2013

Honorable Mayor
Common Council

Dear Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Communication from the Fire Chief, requesting permission to waive formal bidding, authorizing and directing the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Pierce Fire Apparatus of Appleton, Wisconsin on the purchase of a 2014 Pierce Aerial Platform.

Historically, we have purchased several fire department pumpers and heavy rescue vehicles from Pierce Fire Apparatus in Appleton. They have a reputation for high quality and service when we need their expertise. We have standardized on Pierce Fire Apparatus and our parts inventory for maintenance and repair of these fire apparatus complements our fleet of five Pierce vehicles. Pierce also has a major repair facility in the Greater Milwaukee area, which was very advantageous over the years when our apparatus needed chassis or drive train work. The Fire Department has absolutely no issue with the company and recommends we continue our relationship with Pierce Fire Apparatus in the acquisition of this fire department aerial platform in 2014.

Our recommendation is the purchasing agent be authorized and directed to waive formal bidding and negotiate the purchase of a 2014 Pierce Aerial Platform from Pierce Fire Apparatus of Appleton, Wisconsin. This vehicle will be ordered after January 1, 2014. Delivery time is expected to be eight months.

Fiscal Note: Funding has been approved and is available in the 2014 CIP budget under General Obligation Debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hansen,
Fire Chief