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Alderman Ron Hart, Chairman  
Public Works & Services Committee  
Racine, Wisconsin

**RE: Waiving of Formal Bidding Procedures for the Purchase of  
Harbor Navigation Aids Equipment**

Dear Alderman Hart:

I would like to request that formal bid procedures be waived for the purchase of navigation aid equipment for the Racine Recreational Harbor. The Racine Harbor Commission is charged with installing and maintaining navigation aids in the harbor up to Marquette Street Bridge and in the small boat launch basin. We currently utilize Tideland Signal Corporation brand equipment and wish to continue the use of their equipment to maintain compatibility within our current navigation aid system.

The current navigation lights and foghorn have been in service since the Racine Recreational Harbor was built and opened in 1986. The equipment has seen its useful life and is now in a constant state of disrepair and failure, jeopardizing safe navigation. Nine (9) navigation lights need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$24,363. The foghorn and fog detector also need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$5,201 and \$23,645, respectively.

Sixty percent (60%) funding is available through Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' North Harbor Development grant #RBF-333 and forty percent (40%) funding is available through Racine County Resolution No. 2006-148. If the committee agrees, the appropriate action would be to waive formal bidding for the navigation aid equipment and authorize the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Tideland Signal Corporation of Houston, Texas.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Rooney", is positioned above the typed name.

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Assistant Commissioner of Public Works / Engineering  
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Cc: James F. Rooney, Chairman, Racine Harbor Commission  
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