

# **TOWN OF PALM BEACH**

Information for Town Council Meeting on: May 14, 2024

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Robert Miracle, CPA Deputy Town Manager, Finance and Administration

FROM: Dean Mealy, II NIGP-CPP, CPPO Town Procurement and Contract Manager

RE: Resolution approving a purchase order to Ten-8 Fire and Safety for a new fire engine and associated equipment to support operations of the new vehicle in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000

DATE: May 1, 2024

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## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Town Council approve Resolution No. 025-2024, a resolution approving a purchase order to Ten-8 Fire and Safety for a new fire engine and associated equipment to support operations of the new vehicle in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000.

## **SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND**

This Engine will be a new purchase and does not replace any of the existing Fire Department's current units. Currently, the Fire Department has only 1 backup unit to rely on and this model is not currently working. The Fire Department is challenged with an aging fleet and the increasing downtimes due to maintenance and repairs.

To build a new Engine to the specs of the Fire Department as has been past practice would take approximately thirty-six (36) months for delivery. Ten-8 Fire and Safety identifies new equipment that for one reason or another is not delivered to a government agency on a monthly basis. The Town has the option to purchase one of these units which will reduce the lead time from thirty-six (36) months to just a few months. The Town has opted to purchase a stock unit that they continually build. The reason for the quick purchase is more of an emergency nature at this point.

Pierce Manufacturing's Stock Truck Program, identified by Ten-8 Fire and Safety, presents an efficient solution for the urgent acquisition of a new fire engine, bypassing the lengthy thirty-six-month wait for a custom-built apparatus. This program offers a selection of high-quality, ready-to-deploy fire trucks that can significantly reduce delivery time to just a few months. The town's decision to purchase a stock unit, built to stringent safety and performance standards, is driven by an emergency need to enhance its firefighting capabilities immediately. Opting for a vehicle from this program allows the town to quickly bolster its response capacity, ensuring the community's safety with minimal delay.

Ten-8 Fire and Safety is recognized for their equipment and support. This award does not need to be competitively bid on by the Town as it was bid on as part of a national cooperative contract. National Cooperative Contracts are very competitive and provide the best pricing to the governmental agencies.

#### **FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for this award will be from the Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF). A budget amendment to the ERF may be required during the close out of the FY24.

#### **TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW**

This format has been utilized by the Town in previous recommendations and was approved by the Town Attorney.