

Purchasing Summary

EVENT # 8960	TITLE: One Ford Explorer Sport Utility Vehicle for the Fire Department	COST: \$39,618
TYPE OF PROCUREMENT: STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE	ANNUAL CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT <input type="checkbox"/>	ONE TIME PURCHASE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTRACT TERM (IF APPLICABLE)
N/A

DBE (IF APPLICABLE)
N/A

MATRIX (IF APPLICABLE)
N/A

NOTES

Recommend approval to procure one Ford Explorer Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) with Wade Ford in the amount of \$39,618. The Fire Department will use the Ford Explorer SUV for the fire position enhancement approved in FY21 for the Savannah Fire Department. The vehicle will serve as transportation for emergency and non-emergency situations, providing service to the City of Savannah citizens and visitors. As a public safety division, the fire vehicles are on call 24 hours every day and can respond to all fire/rescue emergencies operating in command staff capacities, to include major events involving multiple agencies within or outside the City of Savannah.

The Ford Explorer will help Savannah Fire support the City of Savannah’s strategic initiatives to ensure citizens feel safe in their neighborhoods. It also helps the Fleet Services Department to continue to standardize the fire fleet, streamlines preventative maintenance, allows technicians to be trained on a specific apparatus, enables stocking of common parts, and reduces downtime to the department and the customers we serve.

The funding for this vehicle is identified, and was approved originally, within the 2021 Budget cycle at the cost of \$39,618. This vehicle was on the November 11, 2021 agenda but was pulled to get local vendors to bid in lieu of using a state contract. However, after 45 days the City did not get any bids on the vehicle, so it went back to state contract for procurement. As per the vendor sales agreement, no payments shall be required by the City of Savannah until the delivery of the vehicle.

If this vehicle is not ordered, the current older car from 2008 will cost more to maintain, and likely will not make the 2022 year end. The aging fleet of support vehicles are becoming unreliable and would place the operator at risk by not having proper equipment available to respond to incidents. This new fleet addition will add one much needed vehicle to the growing fire administrative section as the City continues to expand services to the community. It will replace one old fire vehicle, unit number 8560 which is at the end of its life cycle with 165,500 miles.

Using the vendor Wade Ford for state contracts, they ensure pricing is directly in line with industry standards, in turn offering the City of Savannah fleet customer pricing to reducing overall costs. Additionally, it allows Savannah Fire to continue to standardize its fire fleet of apparatus to match operational function and setup across the department.

Per Section 2-4154 of the City’s Purchasing Ordinance, the City may purchase goods or services through the use of a state contract. The contract used for this procurement is a State of Georgia contract for administrative vehicles (Contract # 99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S). It was competitively bid by the State of Georgia and expires November 30, 2022.

Delivery: As requested. Terms: Net 30 days. The vendor is:

S.C. Wade Ford, Inc. (Smyrna, GA)^(D) \$39,618

A pre-proposal meeting was not conducted as the Ford Explorer SUV is being procured through the use of a state contract. (D) Indicates non-local, non-DBE business. Recommend approval.

Local available: Yes

Total sent: 1

Total received: 1

Vendor federally debarred/suspended: No