

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee Feldman, City Manager

**DATE:** August 21, 2012

**TITLE:** Motion to approve the purchase of Smart Cars to be used as parking enforcement vehicles – ITB 422-11028 - \$69,235.

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of parking enforcement vehicles (Smart Cars), bid number 422-11028, from the low responsive and responsible bidder, All Luxury Imports of Coconut Creek, Inc. d/b/a/ Mercedes-Benz of Coconut Creek in the amount of \$69,235.

**Background**

The FY 2012 Fleet Plan included the replacement of the following five Chevrolet Impala Park Ranger patrol cars which will be retired and sold at auction:

- V5620 2006 Chevrolet Impala
- V5621 2006 Chevrolet Impala
- V5623 2006 Chevrolet Impala
- V5924 2007 Chevrolet Impala
- V5924 2007 Chevrolet Impala

In line with the City's fleet repurposing program, these five Park Ranger patrol cars will be replaced with the five Ford Escapes that are currently being used as parking enforcement vehicles. In turn, the parking enforcement vehicles repurposed to the Park Rangers will be replaced with new Smart Cars. The rationale for this is as follows.

- The Ford Escapes are more suitable to patrolling the City's parks due to increased ground clearance and the more robust design nature and durability of Escapes as opposed to the Chevrolet Impala sedans.

The Smart Cars are:

- More commensurate with parking enforcement activities due to their smaller

size and maneuverability.

- Provide sufficient passenger and cargo room.
- Provide the same level of safety protection as the larger Escape.
- Offer a significantly better fuel economy than the Escapes.

(See Exhibit #2, Fleet Services Potential Fuel Saving Report)

The Procurement Services Division solicited bids from 214 vendors and received 2 responses. The bid listed two optional items. The first is a tridion safety cell and the second is cruise control. The safety cell is high-strength steel engineered to be a barrier between the occupants of the vehicle and anything else. The low bidder, All Luxury Imports of Coconut Creek, Inc. d/b/a/ Mercedes-Benz of Coconut Creek bid \$0.00 for the tridion safety cell because it is offered at no charge on white vehicles. All Luxury Imports of Coconut Creek, Inc. d/b/a/ Mercedes-Benz of Coconut Creek was the low responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$69,235 for five Smart Cars including the tridion safety cell and cruise control.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact of \$69,235, for the purchase of five Smart automobiles.

**FUNDS AVAILABILTY LOCATION:**

FY	FUN D	SUB FUN D	FUND NAME	INDEX #	INDEX NAME	SUB OBJECT #	SUBOBJECT NAME	AMOUNT
201 2	583	01	OTHER NON- OPER	PAR03010 1	FLEET SERVICES	6416	VEHICLES	69,235.00
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>69,235.00</b>

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Bid Tabulation 422-11028

Exhibit 2 – Potential Fuel Savings Report