

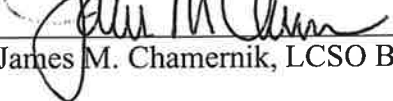


JOHN D. IDLEBURG
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OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 24, 2023

TO: Purchasing Agent RuthAnne Hall

FROM: 
James M. Chamernik, LCSO Business Manager

REFERENCE: Emergency Procurement

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is responsible for enforcing state and local laws related to safe boating. The Marine Unit responds to calls for service, including crashes and search and rescue operations, and investigates criminal complaints on the county's waterways. The Marine Unit's patrol area consists of the Fox River, Chain of Lakes region, and other inland waterways. There are currently five boats being used by the Marine Unit, two of which have engines that are beyond their useful life and were produced by a company that is no longer in business. In 2022, these two boats were not operational during the peak of boating season due to engine maintenance issues. The motors have been in use in excess of 10 years.

Ben Watts Marina can procure two engines on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit. The normal lead time to receive engines is six months. Ben Watts will be able to take delivery of the engines in one week. Further, Ben Watts is the only marina in the immediate area that is capable of derigging of the old motors, controls, gauges and wiring the rigging of the new motor controls, steering system, and wiring while being able to provide warranty service of the new engines. Upon delivery, Ben Watts Marina will schedule the decommissioning of the old motors and installation of the new motors minimizing the disruption of service of Marine services to the residents of Lake County, Illinois.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office requests an emergency procurement for the attached quote from Ben Watts Marina.

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