



## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

*Lake County, Illinois*

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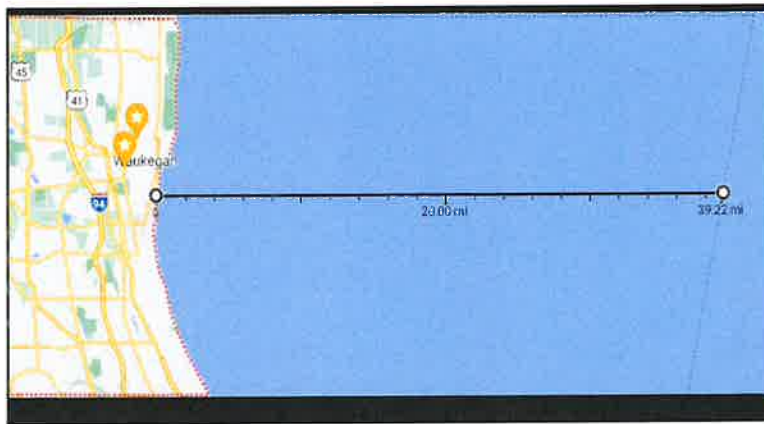
Via email to [Rhall@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:Rhall@lakecountyil.gov)

Ms. Hall,

The Sheriff's Office requires the purchase of two (2) boats to patrol the Chain of Lakes and Lake Michigan. These two replacement boats are unable to be procured through an available cooperative agreement due to the required customizations needed for patrol operations. If boats were procured through GSA, the required customizations would void the warranty. Operationally, we need boats that provide the least amount of maintenance and expertise so that we can train staff efficiently and keep the boats on the water. Local vendors have been identified to assist with any maintenance if needed.

The Sheriff's Office received two (2) quotes from Sirocco Marine for a Fluid Watercraft Patrol 26 and a Fluid Watercraft Patrol 29. Sirocco Marine is the only vendor that has rights to sell these boats. There are not comparable boats sold within Illinois or Southern Wisconsin as the boats sold in the area are targeted towards recreation versus patrol. Sirocco Marine has guaranteed delivery of boats by April, and this would prevent disruption in Marine operations for the 2024 boating season as the current two boats are no longer operational- the Lake Michigan boat was purchased in 1991 and the chain boat was purchased sometime in the 1980s.

The Sheriff's Office is currently unable to meet its statutory obligation to patrol Lake Michigan due to a lack of suitable equipment. This leaves individuals on the waterway vulnerable as the Coast Guard and Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police patrol on this waterway is limited. There have been numerous calls in past seasons to which we could not safely respond to calls because we do not have a boat that can safely operate in Lake Michigan. The Sheriff's jurisdiction on Lake Michigan runs South of the Illinois and Wisconsin border to the Lake and Cook County border and extends East for 39.22 miles.



The total cost of the boats is \$467,060.58 which is slightly under what was approved in the FY24 GOE budget and approved by Finance.

We respectfully request that you approve this procurement as a bid exemption.

If any questions exist, please contact me directly.

**Lawrence Oliver,  
Undersheriff**

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