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RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR THREE 15-PASSENGER VANS

WHEREAS, the Pool Vehicle Division of the Fleet Services Department is requesting to purchase one new 12-passenger van as a replacement for a vehicle that meets or exceeds Fleet's replacement criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Safety and Training Division of the Fire Department is requesting two new vans to be used for transportation of recruit personnel during recruit school as an addition to the City's fleet pool; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Administration received bids for fleet vehicles and on May 10, 2021, Piedmont Truck Center (Greensboro, NC) was awarded competitive bid contract #070A; and

WHEREAS, Piedmont Truck Center has offered a quotation for three 2024 Ford Transit 350 vans meeting contract specifications at \$55,127.40 each for a total cost of \$165,382.20; and

WHEREAS, Fleet Services and the Fire Department request that a purchase order be awarded to Piedmont Truck Center for three (3) 2024 Ford Transit 350 vans at \$55,127.40 each for a total cost of \$165,382.20. This recommendation is in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-129(e)(9), an exception to formal bidding which authorizes "The [bidding] requirements of this article do not apply to ... Purchases from contracts established by the State or any agency of the State, if the contractor is willing to extend the same or more favorable prices, terms, or conditions as established in the State contract".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon approval by the Finance Committee, that a purchase order is hereby

awarded to Piedmont Truck Center for three (3) 2024 Ford Transit 350 vans at \$55,127.40 each for a total cost of \$165,382.20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that award of this purchase order constitutes a preliminary determination as to the qualifications of the bidder. The company's offer, the bid specifications, and the City's purchase order will constitute the contract. The City is not legally bound until the purchase order is duly executed by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this purchase is included in the FY 2023-24 capital equipment budget and will be financed through the City's internal leasing program.