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3 **RESOLUTION: 349-032024 Authorize Winnebago County to apply for, accept, and expend funds of**
4 **\$990,000 from the United States Department of Justice for the purchase of three Ice Rescue Airboats**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Sheriff has an affirmative duty under Wisconsin Statute 59.27(11) to
9 provide rescue of human beings and the recovery of human bodies in waterways; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office owns three ice rescue airboats designed for this
12 purpose and deployed to area fire departments; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the three ice rescue airboats have reached end of life and must be replaced; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office remains fiscally prudent in searching for funds; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the S.2321 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024
19 notes that Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is on the recipient list to replace the ice rescue airboats that
20 have reached end of life with funding from the Byrne Discretionary Grants; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the appropriations act may be passed and signed in the coming weeks;
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25 **WHEREAS**, if the signed appropriations act does not include Winnebago County as a recipient of funds,
26 this resolution will allow for the Winnebago County to apply for and accept other federal grants for this
27 purpose.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
30 authorizes Winnebago County to apply for, accept, and expend funds of \$990,000 from the United States
31 Department of Justice for the purchase of three Ice Rescue Airboats.

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Respectfully submitted by:
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Committee Vote: 4-0-1
Respectfully submitted by:
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee Vote: 5-0

Fiscal Note: This will increase revenue in the Sheriff's Office by \$990,000 and will increase capital outlay expense by the same amount for the purchase of ice rescue airboats.

Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive on _____.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive

County Board Report



DATE: March 19, 2024
FROM: John Matz, Sheriff
AGENDA ITEM: 349-032024 Authorize Winnebago County to apply for, accept, and expend funds of \$990,000 from the United States Department of Justice for the purchase of three Ice Rescue Airboats

General Description:

Conditionally authorize the County to accept \$990,000 FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending funds to replace three ice rescue boats.

Action Requested:

Recommend to County Board Passage

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction:	Judiciary & Public Safety	Meeting Date:	03/04/2024
	Personnel & Finance		03/07/2024
Action taken:	Both committees	Vote:	5-0
County Board:	_____	Meeting Date:	_____

Background:

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office currently owns three (3) air boats used for ice rescues throughout the waterways of Winnebago County. The boats are wholly owned and maintained by the Sheriff's Office, to include annual budgeting for fuel, unexpected repairs, and any necessary and routine updates. The boats are stored at various locations throughout the county, and shared use occurs with fire departments as follows:

- O15B -- Oshkosh Fire Department Station 15
 - o 2004 model/purchased January 2005
- F32B -- Neenah Menasha Fire Rescue Station 32
 - o 2004 model/purchased January 2005
- Y28B -- Winneconne-Poygan Fire District
 - o 2001 model (refurbished)/purchased November 2004

When ice and water rescues occur that necessitate the use of an airboat, at least two airboats respond to each event, for the safety of all involved.

Prior to purchasing these airboats, from the early 1990's through 2004, the Sheriff's Office owned and maintained a Hovercraft, which was very expensive to repair. When it was time to replace the Hovercraft, the Sheriff's Office switched to the airboat technology, which has been a successful platform for ice rescues.

This style of rescue airboat is built to order, typically in the order they were received by the vendor. We are aware that there is minimally a six-month lead time from purchase to delivery; and vendors have indicated that this lead time is increasing.

The specifications for the purchase have been assessed and placed out for public bids, following the county's Request for Proposal process under RFP#SH02-24 (attached). This standard document notes that Award of the contract may be contingent upon approval of funds by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and County Executive. Bids are due March 8, 2024.

We are seeking approval for acceptance of the funds now, contingent upon the actual receipt of funds, so that the order can be placed as soon as possible, in anticipation of receiving the new airboats for the winter season 2024-2025.

Policy Discussion:

All three existing airboats are at end of life and must be replaced, so as to appropriately fulfill the affirmative duties of the Sheriff of Winnebago County under Wis Stat 59.27(11). The Sheriff's Office had planned to replace these boats in three successive years and have included plans to do so in CIP 2025-2027 so as to defray the costs as an alternative.

However, in the late summer of 2022, United States Senator for Wisconsin Tammy Baldwin notified our office that Congressionally Directed Spending (earmark) projects were being considered. To be fiscally prudent for Winnebago County, the replacement of the three airboats was quickly identified as a suitable project to request funds for. The Sheriff submitted the request to Senator Baldwin, and after several months of waiting, learned that this project was one that Senator Baldwin selected for inclusion in the appropriations bill.

For further discussion, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 as part of its commitment to following Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate for Congressionally Directed Spending items publishes several related documents. The Committee requires Senators who submit Congressionally Directed Spending items to publish those requests on their websites, along with the certification that neither they nor their immediate family members have any financial interest in the item(s) requested. Several Congressionally Directed Spending items are included in the various fiscal year 2024 Senate appropriations bills.

The specific appropriations bill committee report S.2321 - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 notes on page 203 that this appropriation will fund the replacement of three ice rescue boats to provide ice rescues for individuals in distress on the recreational lakes and waterways of Winnebago

County. The funding will officially come from the US Department of Justice under the Byrne Discretionary Grants line item.

The House of Representatives passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. This legislation combines several appropriations acts and sends the budget to the Senate.

Seeking approval now to accept the Congressionally Directed Spending funds for use for the replacement airboats allows us to move forward quicker, while removing the project from the future levy or future bonding.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation:

Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Sheriff Matz discussed congressional funding with the United States Department of Justice, which will be voted on this week, to allow for \$990,000 to be used to purchase three Ice Rescue Airboats. This will cover the cost of all three of the ice boats.

A motion to authorize the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to apply for, accept, and expend funds of \$990,000 from the United States Department of Justice for the purchase of three Ice Rescue Airboats was made by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Eisen. Carried 4-0-1. Supervisor Floam abstained from the vote.

Personnel and Finance Committee

Sheriff Matz appeared before the committee. He reported the three boats are over twenty years old and take an extreme beating in the winter months. Sheriff Matz recalled a snow squall incident recently that caused the need for over 25 rescues on the Winnebago system. Sheriff Matz reported that we are leasing a boat because one of the boats is offline due to cost-prohibitive repairs. This congressionally directed grant will allow us to fully purchase three new boats. Mr. Binder pointed out that without this grant it would be a capital project, which could result in bonding.

Motion by David Albrecht, seconded by Don Nussbaum to approve the resolution titled Authorize Winnebago County to apply for, accept, and expend funds of \$990,000 from the United States Department of Justice for the purchase of three Ice Rescue Airboats. Passed. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Attachments:

1. SHERIFF CDS AIRBOAT MEMO ATTACHMENT SH02-24

Winnebago County, Wisconsin Sheriff's Office



Request for Proposals for Ice Search & Rescue Air Boat and Trailer

RFP# SH02-24

Due: March 8, 2024

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Winnebago County is requesting proposals to provide all labor, equipment, and materials for three (3) composite hulled ice search and rescue air boats with trailers. This purchase is expected to take place in Spring 2024.

Pre-Submittal Requirements

If the Contractor receives this Request for Proposal (RFP) from any source or entity other than the Demandstar website, the Contractor is responsible for contacting the Winnebago County Purchasing Department and requesting the Contractor's name be placed on the County's formal plan holders list for the project. Failure of the Contractor to notify the Purchasing Department in no way obligates the County to deliver addenda or other information concerning the RFP to the Contractor.

Contract Requirements

All prices are to be net F.O.B.-Destination, Winnebago County, 4311 Jackson St Oshkosh WI 54901.

Winnebago County is a tax-exempt municipal corporation, under Wisconsin Statute 77.54 (9a). Do not include sales tax in your proposal.

The successful Contractor must provide a Certificate of Insurance meeting County requirements as stated in Exhibit A.

The successful Contractor will be required to sign a standard County contract within 10 days after award. Contractors are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the conditions contained therein. A sample contract can be viewed at: <https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/PSA-CONTRACTOR.pdf>.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals must be **filed in the Winnebago Purchasing Office, no later than 3:00 PM, Central Time, March 8, 2024**. Proposals received after the above hour and date, will be returned.

Mail or hand-deliver proposals to: Purchasing Office, Winnebago County Administration Building, 4th floor, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901 or email to: bids@winnebagoountywi.gov.

If submitting electronically, Proposal must be in PDF format and the subject line of the email must contain the RFP number "RFP# SH02-24".

If submitting in paper format: the proposal shall be unbound and single-sided. Proposals must be sealed and must be plainly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope "RFP# SH02-24." Proposals shall also be clearly marked on the front of the envelope with the Contractor's name and return address. An authorized individual using an unduplicated original signature is required to sign the Proposal & Signature Page.

Written requests for withdrawal of proposals is permitted any time prior to the scheduled due date and time.

All proposals submitted shall be binding for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days unless the Contractor(s), upon request of the County, agree to the extension.

Other Information

Winnebago County is not liable for any costs incurred in replying to this RFP. The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to select the proposal considered most advantageous to the County.

Any proposals submitted in conjunction with this request will become public record, open for public inspection. If there is confidential or proprietary information which should be exempted from this requirement, Contractors must include a separate request explaining what items should be exempted and why. Notification of the County's determination on such requests will be made prior to release of any information in the proposal.

Award of the contract may be contingent upon approval of funds by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and/or County Executive.

Winnebago County reserves the right to cancel any order for failure of the successful Contractor to comply with the terms, conditions or requirements of this RFP.

Successful Contractor shall comply with all applicable local codes and shall obtain all necessary permits.

Contacts

Requests for additional information should be directed to:

Winnebago County Purchasing Department
112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901
Ph: (920) 232-3427
Fax: (920) 232-3429
Email: sschry@winnebagocountywi.gov

All questions about the meaning or intent of these Documents shall be submitted to the Purchasing Department in writing. Replies shall be issued by addenda, delivered to all parties recorded as having received the RFP. Questions received less than five (5) days prior to the due date will not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Boat and trailer (Units) are to be new and unused.

The following are the minimum requirements for one Patrol Boat and Trailer. Any item not mentioned in this RFP that is required for satisfactory performance of these Units shall be provided by the successful vendor with no additional reimbursement even though it was not directly referred to in this RFP.

Air Boat Requirements

- Length = 24'
- Beam = 7'6"
- Seating Capacity Minimum= 6
- Minimum HP = 520
- Fuel Capacity Minimum= 40 gallons

Hull Construction

- Fiberglass Composite
- Internal/Integrated Flotation
- Dual Capacity Bilge Pumps
- Hydraulic Ice Brake
- Bow Rails
- Bottom and side skid plate

Cockpit

- Pilot and Front Passenger suspension seats
- Rear 4 passenger bench seat
- 12-volt power source (minimum 2)
- USB watertight outlet (minimum 2)
- Internal heating with windshield defrost
- Front windshield wipers
- Marine grade dash compass
- Canvas enclosure with clear sides

- Marine multifunctional display

Lighting/Radar/Communications

- Standard Marine Navigation Lighting
- Interior red and white lighting
- Tower mounted flood lights
- Tower mounted light bar
- Tower mounted radar
- Waterproof hardwired intercom system with radio connectivity
- LED spotlights (2)
- Cage mounted emergency beacon lights
- Cage mounted scene lights
- Mounted VHF marine radio with external speaker
- Siren with PA system

Graphics

- Hull Lettering (8")
- Rudder Decals (2)

Standard Equipment List

- Engine must meet US EPA compliance standards
- Stainless steel header
- Engine safety cage with access door

Optional Equipment (please price options individually)

- Fire extinguisher
- Side wall storage
- Grab handles
- Engine fault code reader

- Spare propeller blades (minimum 4)
- Cockpit cup holders (minimum 2)
- Remote controlled FLIR Thermal Imaging Camera
- Cockpit grip floor liner
- Boat delivery and training

Trailer and Accessories

- Roller/tipping trailer
- Electric winch
- Hand crank winch backup
- Spare tire
- 2" receiver

WARRANTY:

All Units must carry the full manufacturer's warranty

Warranty shall commence on date unit is placed into service by Winnebago County. All warranty work shall be done at the Winnebago County Sheriff's department located in Oshkosh, WI or the successful vendor shall be responsible for the pick up and delivery of the unit to the Sheriff's Office.

PROPOSAL & SIGNATURE PAGE

We, the undersigned, propose to furnish a Patrol Boat, Outboard Engine, and Trailer as herein described for the following amount which includes delivery:

Total (A) \$ _____

In Words _____

Boat Manufacturer/Model _____
Warranty: _____

Engine Manufacturer/Model _____
Warranty: _____

Trailer Manufacturer/Model _____
Warranty: _____

Optional Equipment Pricing:

Fire extinguisher \$ _____

Side wall storage \$ _____

Grab handles \$ _____

Engine fault code reader \$ _____

Spare propeller blades (minimum 4) \$ _____

Cockpit cup holders (minimum 2) \$ _____

Anticipate delivery within _____ days of receipt of a purchase order

Will you accept payment by credit card? _____ yes _____ no

Please indicate any deviations from the stated requirements: _____

Cost breakdown for accounting purposes:

Boat	\$ _____	
Motor	\$ _____	
Trailer	\$ _____	
TOTAL	\$ _____	Must equal total (A) above

Submitted By:

Company _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ Fax# _____

Email: _____

Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

Title _____ Date _____

EXHIBIT A
INSURANCE COVERAGE' DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- I. Contractor shall, furnish County with Certificate of Insurance indicating proof of the following insurance from companies licensed in the State:
- A. Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability - Workers' Compensation statutory - in compliance with the Compensation law of the State and Employers' Liability insurance with a limit no less than \$100,000 each accident.
 - B. Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$1,000,000 aggregate combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability. This insurance shall include, but not limited to, the following coverage.
 - 1. Premises - Operations
 - 2. Products and Completed Operations
 - 3. Broad Form Property Damage
 - 4. Contractual
 - 5. Personal Injury
 - C. Automobile Liability with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$1,000,000 aggregate Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability. This insurance shall include coverage for all of the following:
 - 1. Owned Automobiles
 - 2. Hired Automobiles
 - 3. Non-Owned Automobiles
- If Asbestos is involved the limits of liability stated above shall be changed to \$5,000,000.
- II. The certificate shall list the **Certificate Holder and Address as follows:** Winnebago County, Attn: Insurance Administrator, P.O. Box 2808, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808. The Winnebago County Department(s) involved shall be listed under "Description of Operations".
- III. Such insurance shall include under the **General Liability and Automobile Liability policies** Winnebago County, its employees, elected officials, representatives, and members of its boards and/or commissions as "**Additional Insureds**".
- IV. Contractor shall require **subcontractor**; if applicable, to furnish identical certificates of insurance to the Winnebago County Insurance Administrator prior to contract taking effect.
- V. The Winnebago County Finance Department must approve any exception to these requirements. Submit any requests in writing to Winnebago County Attn: Insurance Administrator, Winnebago County, P.O. Box 2808, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2808 or email to sschry@winnebagocountywi.gov.