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Fire Department
Bureau of Construction and Maintenance

Douglas A. Holton Chief

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Darrell K. Moore

To: Rhonda Kelsey
Purchasing Director
Procurement Services Section
Department of Administration

From: Deputy Chief Darrell K. Moore

Dear Ms. Kelsey:

I am responding on behalf of Fire Chief Douglas Holton regarding your request for more information pertaining to the Fire Equipment units currently under evaluation for donation to the City of Milwaukee's sister city of Morogoro Tanzania. I have advised Chief Holton of at least one specific Pumping Engine that we would consider for donation instead of normal auction disposal. At the request of Alderman Joe Davis Sr. the department has identified this unit and has listed all pertinent information regarding this unit since it was originally purchased. This information follows:

This unit was received by the Milwaukee fire Department on February 1st, 1993 and was placed in active service on March 6<sup>th</sup> 1993. Decommissioning of this unit will took place during the month of April 2008. The original purchase price for this unit was \$157,819.00. Vehicle Identification number is 1FDYS90L3NVA19921. The Milwaukee Fire Department has previously disposed of four units similar to this unit in 2007. Most recently Code # 306, 1992 Darley-Ford Vin # 1FDYS90L3NVA11656 was sold through the Fond du Lac County auction on 2-28-2007 for the sum of \$3917.23. Code # 307 VIN # 1FDYS90L1NVA11655 was also sold through the Fond du Lac County auction on 2-28-2007 for the sum of \$2119.91.

In May 2007 Code # VIN 1FDYS90L3NVA19920 sold at Milwaukee County Auction for the sum of \$4145.95. This particular unit comparatively speaking was in superior condition to the unit discussed as a possible donation.

The department never stated that this unit represented zero value to the city but as far as the needs of the fire department and the City of Milwaukee are concerned, the unit has long outlived it's usefulness and in keeping with past disposal practices the unit has been removed from service. In 1993 six identical units of this type were purchased simultaneously. The department currently has two of these units in its possession and they both were evaluated for possible refurbishment value. As far as refurbishment is concerned there is no cost effective manner for the City of Milwaukee to have this done so therefore this unit is no longer a valuable asset to the City. The next Milwaukee County Auction is scheduled for May 2009. The unit remains operational but in need of expensive repairs. For a user to receive this piece of equipment at zero cost with no previous monetary investment, the refurbishment expenditures could very well be worthwhile. Our most optimistic assessment of possible City of Milwaukee recovery from the sale of this unit auction is between \$2000.00 and \$3500.00.

If further assistance is needed please do not hesitate to call our office at 414-286-8975.

Sincerely

Darrell K. Moore

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