



Augusta Fire Department



Antonio Burden, Fire Chief

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Mr. Andy Penick, Procurement Director

RE: Second Revision Request – Purchase Orders P482048 and P495166 (Truck 6 Engine Repair)

Dear Mr. Penick:

I am requesting approval for a second revision to Purchase Orders P482048 (Elite Diesel of Augusta) and P495166 (W.W. Williams) related to the engine replacement and repair of Truck 6, a 2015 Kovatch Mobile Equipment apparatus currently undergoing repairs.

As background, Truck 6 was originally evaluated in early 2025 after experiencing catastrophic engine failure. Based on the initial inspection, the approved repair plan consisted of replacing the short block and cylinder head assembly. That repair was approved under PO P482048 in the amount of \$52,456.69.

Due to vendor staffing shortages and scheduling delays associated with higher-priority apparatus repairs, work on Truck 6 was postponed for an extended period. During that time, the Fire Department worked with vendors to identify opportunities for cost savings by separating labor and parts purchases. As a result, components required for the repair were ordered through W.W. Williams under PO P495166 in the amount of \$24,458.83, while labor and installation services remained with Elite Diesel.

Once the engine was fully disassembled, significant additional internal damage was identified that could not have been detected during the original inspection. The damage included excessive wear and failure of critical internal engine components, resulting in a determination that replacement of the complete long block assembly represented the most reliable and cost-effective repair option. Based on these findings, a previous revision request was approved, reducing the Elite Diesel purchase order and maintaining the W.W. Williams purchase order while the final scope and pricing were evaluated.

Following additional negotiations and final vendor review, updated quotations have now been received requiring a second revision to both purchase orders:

- Purchase Order P482048 – Elite Diesel of Augusta

- Current Amount: \$24,224.30
- Revised Amount: \$23,626.47
- Change: Decrease of \$597.83

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Purchase Order P495166 – W.W. Williams

- Current Amount: \$24,458.83
- Revised Amount: \$56,100.45
- Change: Increase of \$31,641.62

The reduction to PO P482048 reflects final negotiated labor and installation costs associated with engine replacement, testing, calibration, and related materials required to return the apparatus to service.

The increase to PO P495166 reflects the final quoted cost of the complete drop-in long block assembly and associated core charges required to replace the originally planned component-level repair. This approach remains the most dependable and economical long-term solution for restoring Truck 6 to operational status. Attempting to repair individual internal engine components would result in increased labor costs, additional downtime, and a higher risk of future mechanical failure.

The need for these revisions is not the result of oversight by Augusta Fire/EMA, Fleet Management, or either vendor. The additional damage could only be identified after complete engine disassembly and inspection. The revised pricing represents the final scope necessary to complete the repair and return Truck 6 to frontline service.

Your consideration and approval of these purchase order revisions are respectfully requested so repairs may proceed without further delay.

Sincerely,



Antonio Burden

Fire Chief

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