



City of Linden
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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July 29, 2021

Joe Reynolds
Opra+request-24690-33726f2c@requests.opramachine.com

File Number: 2021-566

Re: OPRA Request – Ambulance and Fire Truck

Dear Joe Reynolds:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on July 20, 2021. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on July 20, 2021.

You requested the following: See Attached

The records are now being provided to you as per your request, with redactions. In accordance with N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 (24) Privacy Interest and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1(19). Personal Identifying Information “phone numbers” a public agency has a responsibility and an obligation to safeguard from public access a citizen’s personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen’s reasonable expectation of privacy.”

If you feel that your request for access to a government record has been improperly denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision of the City of Linden to deny access. I have attached information, from the Government Records Council regarding the process to file a complaint.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Bodek
Custodian of Records
City of Linden

New Jersey Government Records Council ("GRC")



What to do if your request for a record has been denied

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) permits a person who believes that he or she has been unlawfully denied access to a public record either to file a complaint with the GRC or to file suit in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. This poster describes the procedures for taking such actions.

To file a complaint with the GRC:

- Visit the GRC's website at www.nj.gov/grc for information and to register your complaint. In the alternative, you may contact the GRC by telephone at 1-866-850-0511 or by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov.
- When you file the written complaint, the GRC will offer both you and the public agency non-adversarial, impartial mediation. If mediation is not accepted or is not successful, the GRC will investigate the complaint.
- In some cases, the GRC can award attorney's fees to a complainant or impose a fine against a records custodian.
- There is no fee to file a complaint with the GRC.

To file a complaint in Superior Court:

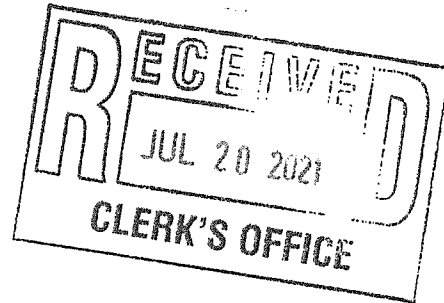
- A requestor may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.
- The court requires a filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate parties.
- The court will schedule a hearing to resolve the dispute.
- If you disagree with the court's decision, you may appeal the decision to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.
- If you are successful, you may be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.
- You may wish to consult with an attorney to learn about initiating and pursuing a summary lawsuit in the Superior Court.
- Filing suit in Superior Court may result in a faster resolution, because the courts adjudicate cases every day, whereas the GRC only meets once a month.

Government Records Council, P.O. Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0819

Talia Pena-Marin

2021-566

From: Joe Bodek
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:00 AM
To: Talia Pena-Marin
Cc: Jennifer Honan
Subject: FW: OPRA request - Fire



-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Reynolds <opra+request-24690-33726f2c@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:54 PM
To: Joe Bodek <jbodek@linden-nj.org>
Subject: OPRA request - Fire

Dear Linden City,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

Copies of the last five years of ambulance and fire truck purchases by linden city
Copies of each contract, each letter of intent and payment information for all purchases made for ambulance and fire trucks in the last five years.

Yours faithfully,

Joe Reynolds

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-24690-33726f2c@requests.opramachine.com

Is jbodek@linden-nj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Linden City? If so, please contact us using this form:
https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=linden_city

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:
<https://opramachine.com/request/fire>

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian; please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.



Lawrence J. Kolesa
Deputy Chief
Fire Official

City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
302 South Wood Avenue
Linden, New Jersey 07036
(908) 474-4560
Fax: (908) 474-0318



William M. Hasko
Fire Chief

September 23, 2020

Doreen Fritzsche
Purchasing Department
301 N. Wood Ave
Linden, NJ, 07036

Dear Doreen,

The Linden Fire Department is ready to move forward with the purchase of a new Ambulance from VCI
Emergency Vehicle Specialist using Capital Account c-04-55-903-730-919 in the amount of \$258,997.00.

Can you please prepare a resolution for the October Council meeting.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Kolesa".

Lawrence Kolesa
Deputy Chief
Linden Fire Department

**CONTRACT PRICING WORKSHEET**
For Standard Equipment Purchases

Contract No.: AM10-18

Date Prepared: 9/21/2020

This Form must be prepared by Contractor, and provided to End User to attach to Purchase Order, with copy to H-GAC.
The H-GAC administrative fee shall be calculated and shown as a separate line item. Please type or print legibly.

Buying Agency:	Linden Fire Department	Contractor:	VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists
Contact Person:	Lawrence Kolesa	Prepared By:	Victor Mierla
Phone:	[REDACTED]	Phone:	[REDACTED]
Fax:	[REDACTED]	Fax:	[REDACTED]
Email:	lkolesa@lfdnj.org	Email:	vmierla@vciambulances.com

Product Code:	AM18KA04	Description:	TYPE I, FORD F450, MODEL 457
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A. Product Item Base Unit Price Per Contractor's H-GAC Contract: \$ 177,677.00**B. Published Options - Itemize below - Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary - Include Option Code in description if applicable.**
(Note: Published Options are options which were submitted and priced in Contractor's bid.)

Description	Cost	Description	Cost
BOD0039 - FUEL FILL PLATE Qty 2 x 104	208.00	BOD0026 - DRI DECK	592.00
ELEC0021 - ELECTRIC DOOR LOCKS COMPARTMENT	850.00	CHAS0008 - CHASSIS: CHASSIS TO BE ORDERED WITH ALUMINUM WHEELS	1224.00
ELEC0022 - ELECTRIC DOOR LOCKS CONCEALED UNLOCK SWITCH	119.00	CHAS0086 - VALVE EXTENSIONS	254.00
ELEC0023 - ELECTRIC DOOR LOCKS WIRED TO OEM SWITCHES	158.00	CHAS0065 - REAR DOCK BUMPERS, ENTIRE FACE	191.00
BOD0064 - RECESSED LICENSE PLATE BRACKET	198.00	CHAS0075 - RUNNING BOARDS: STAR PUNCHED	504.00
PAINT007 - PAINT CHASSIS (FORD, RAM, GM)	3041.00	ELEC0010 - CAMERA FOR I4G SYSTEM (EACH)	443.00
PAINT005 - PAINT WHITE !!!DELETE	-12530.00	Subtotal From Additional Sheet(s):	22030.00
PAINT004 - PAINT OTHER COLOR	13147.00	Subtotal B:	30429.00

C. Unpublished Options - Itemize below / attach additional sheet(s) if necessary.
(Note: Unpublished options are items which were not submitted and priced in Contractor's bid.)

Description	Cost	Description	Cost
Custom Vinyl Stripe to match existing	1500.00		
		Subtotal From Additional Sheet(s):	31828.00
		Subtotal C:	33328.00

Check: Total cost of Unpublished Options (C) cannot exceed 25% of the total of the Base Unit Price plus Published Options (A+B). For this transaction the percentage is: 16%

D. Other Cost Items Not Itemized Above (e.g. Installation, Freight, Delivery, Etc.)

Description	Cost	Description	Cost
Fuel, Tags, Administrative	500.00	Supply and install Ferno Washington Stretcher with custom options	20278.00
Chassis upgrades, Navigation, Reverse Camera	985.00		
		Subtotal D:	21763.00

E. Total Cost Before Any Applicable Trade-In / Other Allowances / Discounts (A+B+C+D)

Quantity Ordered:	1	X Subtotal of A + B + C + D:	263197.00	= Subtotal E:	263197.00
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F. H-GAC Fee Calculation (From Current Fee Tables)

Subtotal F:	1000.00
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G. Trade-Ins / Other Allowances / Special Discounts

Description	Cost	Description	Cost
Ford FIN Discount	-5200.00		
		Subtotal G:	-5200.00

Delivery Date:

H. Total Purchase Price (E+F+G): 258997.00

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ADDITIONAL PUBLISHED OPTIONS

Description	Cost	Description	Cost
BOD0083 - SWEEP OUT COMPARTMENT FLOOR (PER COMPARTMENT) Qty 2 x 198	396.00	WARN0030 - WHELEN M7 (EACH) !!!DELETE Qty 2 x 478	-956.00
BOD0068 - SCORPION LINED COMPARTMENT (EACH) Qty 4 x 326	1304.00	WARN0031 - WHELEN M9 (EACH) !!!DELETE Qty 8 x 454	-3632.00
BOD0005 - ADJUSTABLE SHELF, EXTERIOR COMPARTMENT (EACH) Qty 6 x 214	1284.00	WARN0013 - WARNING LIGHT STRIP, EXT. DOOR Qty 8 x 182	1456.00
BOD0021 - DIVIDER FOR ELECT. EQUIP	136.00	WARN0015 - WHELEN 500 TIR6 LED (SINGLE COLOR) !!!DELETE Qty 4 x 492	-1968.00
BOD0034 - EXPANDED METAL CAGE, (EACH)	72.00	WARN0011 - TRAFFIC EMITTER 794H, BEZEL	2129.00
BOD0014 - CLOSEOUT, EXTERIOR COMPARTMENT	119.00	CHAS0001 - AIR HORNS: UNDER BUMPER	3078.00
BOD0020 - DIVIDER FIXED VERTICAL COMPT	293.00	AUD0008 - SIREN, SVP MODEL SS700 SIREN !!!DELETE	-967.00
BOD0007 - BACKBOARD RETENTION CHANNELS (EACH) Qty 2 x 133	266.00	AUD0006 - SIREN, FEDERAL RUMBLER	1016.00
BOD0069 - SCORPION LINED DIVIDER (EACH)	95.00	LIGHT021 - KKK SIDE BODY MARKER LIGHTS, M6 SERIES LED (PAIR) !!!DELETE	-646.00
BOD0025 - DOUBLE STEP CURBSIDE ENTRY, 6" DROP SKIRT	912.00	LIGHT068 - WELDON LED MARKER LIGHTS	551.00
BOD0082 - STREETSIDE 6" DROP SKIRT	912.00	LIGHT036 - ROLLED ICC MARKER LIGHTS !!!DELETE	-473.00
BOD0057 - PRIVACY WINDOWS, REAR MODULE BODY ENTRY DOORS	312.00	LIGHT037 - RUNNING BOARD LIGHTS, L.E.D. STRIP	355.00
BOD0056 - PRIVACY WINDOW, SLIDING FOR SIDE ENTRY DOOR	187.00	LIGHT044 - SCENE LIGHT, M9 SERIES LED (EACH) !!!DELETE Qty 2 x 720	-1440.00
BOD0035 - FENDERS, RUBBER	187.00	LIGHT035 - LOAD LIGHTS, M9 SERIES LED !!!DELETE	-1440.00
BOD0066 - RUBBER RUB RAILS	239.00	LIGHT060 - TECNIQ E10 LED GROUND LIGHTING	558.00
GRAP0005 - DG CHEVRON, REAR PANELS	1577.00	ELEC0089 - VANNER 20-1050CUL INVERTER W/CHARGER	2287.00
GRAP0003 - CHEVRON, DIAMOND GRADE, LOWER INNER, ACCESS DOOR PANELS	388.00	ELEC0001 - 110V INTERIOR OUTLET, additional	136.00
INT00054 - INHALATION PANEL CLOSEOUT	162.00	ELEC0072 - SHORELINE INDICATOR	72.00
INT00082 - STAINLESS STEEL RISERS	478.00	ELEC0016 - CLOCK, DIGITAL W/SECONDS	542.00
INT00092 - USSC CHILD SEAT, 4-POINT	1518.00	ELEC0002 - 2.5" CAB CEILING LIGHTS, WHITE/RED LED	216.00
CAB0072 - STORAGE BENEATH THE CPR SEAT	239.00	ELEC0071 - SECURITY IDLE SYSTEM	527.00
CAB0055 - RECESSED PADDLE LATCH. CPR SEAT	313.00	PROG0002 - LIGHT PROG: BRAKE LIGHT, WINDOW LEVEL	119.00
CAB0011 - BENCH HOLD-DOWN: PADDLE LATCHES (SINGLE)	137.00	PROG0009 - LIGHT PROGRAMMING: SIDE REAR SCENE	119.00
CAB0059 - SHARPS/WASTE STORAGE, DRAWER	515.00	PROG0008 - LIGHT PROGRAMMING: RIGHT SIDE SCENE	139.00

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INT00045 - GRAB RAIL: 8FT PAINTED	223.00	PROG0005 - LIGHT PROGRAMMING: LOAD LIGHT	119.00
IN000098 - VERTICAL GRAB RAIL, 2 FT. PAINTED	109.00	ELEC0085 - TIMER, LIGHTS	136.00
ELEC0059 - REAR RADIO SPEAKERS	215.00	ELEC0086 - USB OUTLET, KUSSMAUL 091- 219	89.00
WARN0032 - WIG WAG HEADLIGHTS	180.00	PROG0011 - REAR LIGHT DIMMER SWITCH	119.00
		HVAC0007 - COOLTECH I (100,000 BTU ROOF-MOUNTED CONDENSER, NO SOLAR PANEL)	3427.00
		HVAC0017 - VENT CAST PAINTED NFPA STYLE	443.00
		RAD00002 - ANTENNA COAX (EACH) DDITIONAL Qty 3 x 166	498.00
		RAD00013 - REAR RADIO HEAD PANEL: BLANK	55.00
		CHAS0017 - CONSOLE, SCORPION, W/MAP STORAGE	766.00
		CHAS0019 - CUP HOLDERS	65.00
		RAD00008 - RADIO POWER TERMINAL, DUAL (SWITCHED AND BATTERY HOT) Qty 3 x 163	489.00
		OXY00013 - O2 OUTLET, OHIO MEDICAL, Additional Qty 2 X 284	568.00
		INT00023 - D-BOTTLE MOUNT, ZICO QR-D-2 Qty 2 x 355	710.00
		TOTAL	22030.00

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ADDITIONAL UN-PUBLISHED OPTIONS

Description	Cost	Description	Cost
Install talkback feature for reverse camera, amplifier, speaker and volume control	553.00	(3) PELCC Whelen Perimeter lights	807.00
Supply and install Crossfire tire monitor on rear duals	423.00	Federal Signal Load Lights	816.00
Fabricate aluminum hat section to raise floor above threshold	150.00	Federal Signal side KKK lights	442.00
Install Ultra Slippery Cast Nylon on floor of oxygen compartment	150.00	Federal Signal Scene lights	2269.00
compartment height modify, raise 32"	677.00	Federal Signal tail, stop, signal	1318.00
install wheel cups on hat section to locate stair chair	100.00	Federal Signal arrow lights, front face	468.00
decrease width of curbside rear compartment squad bench wall	100.00	Federal Signal Patient Dome Lights	1809.00
stairchair flat panel relief	161.00	BLUE SEA Auto Eject	604.00
Scorpion coat curbside forward compartment door	77.00	Install Activte Tek Health Solutions Induct 500	1161.00
install grip lock on lower edge of center step	35.00	Supply install drivers side passenger side Havis Shield arm rests	190.00
install custom glove box recessed into action area	509.00	McMaster Carr cylindr wrench	65.00
PRO FI Universal cot Fastener with ICS	6644.00	Custom Lettering to match existing	2260.00
install equipment straps as directed during setup	750.00	Change Notice 10	622.00
FEDERAL SIGNAL WARNING LIGHT PACKAGE	7676.00		
Federal Siren, PA 4000	992.00		
		TOTAL	31828.00

**RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE
THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON CO-OP, FROM VCI
EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Linden wishes to obtain services from an authorized vendor under the Houston-Glaveston Co-Op HGAC, VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, 43 Jefferson Avenue, Berlin, New Jersey 08009 an authorized vendor and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by National contracting units is authorized by the Local Finance Notice 2012-10 using National Cooperative Contracts: Application of P.L. 2011, c. 139.; and,

WHEREAS, Houston-Galveston Co-Op, HGAC. for a new ambulance Type I, Ford F450, Model 457; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best means available to obtain services for; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of the service is not to exceed \$258,997.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract, which will be charged to account #C-04-55-903-730-919;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Linden that VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists be awarded a contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Council President, City Clerk and/or such other city officials as is necessary and proper be authorized to execute such documents as necessary to implement this resolution.

PASSED: October 20, 2020

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: October 21, 2020

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Approved to sufficiency of funds:

Chief Finance Officer