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Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department
900 Quay St
Manitowoc, WI 54220

November 18, 2025

Finance Committee,

As requested, the following information addresses the questions raised at the November 13, 2025 Finance Committee meeting regarding the FY2026 capital funding request for a new rescue truck for the Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department.

Contact has been made with the department's apparatus representative to confirm the most accurate pricing and production timelines. Current lead time is approximately 8 months. Ordering promptly is recommended to avoid transition into the new emissions engine standards taking effect in 2026. Transitioning to the new emissions chassis would result in an approximate cost increase of \$85,000 due to engine and exhaust system changes. Manufacturers have a limited quantity of chassis remaining under the current emissions standards.

Regarding the rebate program: Fire Service, Inc. offers a 3% simple-interest rebate for advance payments. However, with the short lead time, the financial return would likely be minimal—approximately \$2,000.

To secure the most favorable pricing, avoid the \$85,000 emissions increase, and reduce exposure to escalating material costs over extended build times, I would advocate that it is in the best interest of the City to have the fire rescue project be fully funded in FY2026.

Sincerely,

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