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From: Gales Ferry Fire Chief <chief@gffc.org>
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To: Steve Holyfield; Roxanne Maher
Subject: Legislation for a Bid Waiver

Good morning,

I spoke with Matt at finance this morning about some upcoming repairs and bills that we anticipate being hit with. One of our apparatus, our tanker, is up at Freightliner/Alliance in East Hartford. The bills and repairs are going to fall somewhere between \$6000 to \$10,000. Alliance is not on our bid waiver list and I would like to add them.

My reason and rationale is I anticipate using them again in the future. We've used them before in the past, but costs weren't nearly that high at that time to have to add them to this list. They have intimate knowledge of a couple of our apparatus to help troubleshoot problems quicker and more efficient. These days, preventative maintenance, routine checks, and annual inspections cost on average a few thousand dollars. Once you add necessary repairs from these findings, we often exceed our \$5000 limit. Alliance is our third and currently only repair company we use along with MES and Bulldog. I'd like to request legislation so that town council could consider adding them to the bid waiver.

I also was wondering if the foam mitigation grant legislation is on the docket for the next finance committee meeting. I don't see the agenda for it yet. Thanks!

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