



County of Milwaukee  
**Office of the Sheriff**

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Richard R. Schmidt  
Acting Sheriff

**DATE:** October 2, 2017

**TO:** Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Tobie Weberg, Inspector, Office of the Sheriff, Milwaukee County

**SUBJECT:** Request to apply for and accept if awarded a partnership with the State of Wisconsin DOT for funding for the Freeway Service Team in the amount of \$235,000.

#### BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is requesting a partnership with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office to provide a Freeway Service Team (FST) on I-94, I-43, I-894, I-794 and US 45 in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. This is a continuation of a similar FST service currently operated by the County under contract to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The Freeway Service Team provides expedited clearance of disabled and crashed vehicles made possible by the presence of FST vehicles continuously patrolling designated segments of Interstate and U.S. highways during designated hours. The primary goal of the Freeway Service Team is quick clearance of traffic incidents thereby improving safety and minimizing traffic delays and congestion. The FST shall accomplish this goal by providing minor repairs for disabled vehicles; pushing disabled vehicles off the highway; providing fuel; clearing debris from disabled vehicles, small non-hazardous debris, and debris that is otherwise disruptive to traffic flow; directing traffic and assisting with traffic control; providing traffic and incident information to the WisDOT Statewide Traffic Operations Center (STOC); providing traffic and pavement condition reports; and providing informational literature to motorists. FST vehicles are typically equipped with push bumpers, traffic cones, electronic changeable message boards, radios, mobile phones, and other necessary equipment to provide quick clearance type services. Aid within the scope of operations of the FST is rendered free of charge to the motorist.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff shall operate and maintain the FST on the Milwaukee County Freeway System between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM Monday through Friday except state holidays. Weekend, holiday, or extended shift hours, if requested by the Department, shall be in addition to the regularly schedules hours. The Project Manager, in coordination with the Administrator, reserves the right to modify or adjust hours of operation to accommodate special events, construction, major incidents, weather conditions, holidays, or

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other events. The Project Manager also reserves the right to add, subtract, or eliminate entirely, the hours of operation due to program needs.

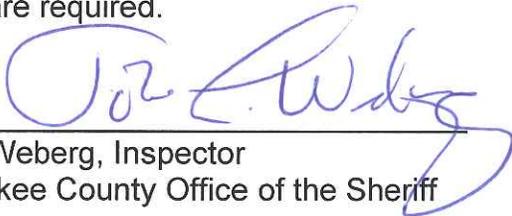
The Freeway Service Team area consists of I-94 from the Milwaukee/Racine County line to the Milwaukee/Waukesha County line, I-894 in its entirety, I-43 from downtown Milwaukee to the Milwaukee/Ozaukee County line, I-794 between Carferry Drive and the Marquette Interchange, and US 45 from I-94 to the Milwaukee/County line.

The Freeway Service Team shall continuously drive the service area locating, responding and clearing minor traffic incidents. The FST shall assist motorists whose vehicles have suffered mechanical failure or have been involved in minor traffic crashes. The FST shall be responsible for clearing the traffic lanes of the highway of automobiles, motorcycles, small trucks and small non-hazardous debris material. Vehicles shall be removed from the traveled way, exclusive of shoulders, by pushing. Abandoned or unattended vehicles shall be removed in accordance with Wis. Stats. 342.40. The FST shall not provide towing or wrecker services.

This contract period is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. This service shall be provided by the Milwaukee County Sheriff who shall be reimbursed for this service by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on a monthly basis for Deputy Sheriff straight time/fringe benefits and overhead included at \$61.17 per hour and overtime hours excluding overhead at \$53.19 per hour that are in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement in effect between the Operator and the County.

#### FISCAL NOTE

Contract funds to be awarded for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 are \$235,000. All funding for this period will be used for wages and fringe benefits. No matching funds are required.



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