

**VEHICLE LEASE RENEWAL APPROVAL SUMMARY SHEET**

AGENCY: Arkansas Disability Determination for Social Security Administration

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PURPOSE: The Social Security Administration and the Office of Inspector General have continued their commitment to join forces with the Arkansas Disability Fraud Unit to expand our existing Fraud Unit. SSA has agreed to provide funds for the renewal of the lease of the Chevrolet Equinox which has been used to carry bulky surveillance equipment and to investigate suspected fraud by recipients of disability benefits. This vehicle will continue to be paid for with Federal Funds by a grant from the Office of Inspector General. The grant specifies the funds be used to lease a vehicle.

COST: \$618.88 per month for a Chevrolet Equinox  
Mileage Allowance: 24,000 miles per year with an additional charge of \$0.25 per mile over that amount.

VEHICLE: 2014 Chevrolet Equinox, AWD, 4-Door LS


TERM: Contract period for the lease of this vehicle will be from May 9, 2017 through May 8, 2019.

VENDOR: Smart Chevrolet  
Attn: Lee Smart  
Pine Bluff, AR 71611  
870-534-8122

FUNDING: 100% Federal Funds: Social Security Administration

BID INFO: Office of State Procurement awarded bid # SP-14-0078

ATTACHED INFORMATION: Original bid tabulation and justification letter from Arkansas Disability Determination for Social Security Administration



Edward Armstrong, Director  
Office of State Procurement

Approval Date: April 20, 2017



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ARTHUR BOUTIETTE  
Director

February 6, 2017

Mr. Edward Armstrong  
Office of State Procurement  
1509 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 300  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Disability Determination is currently under lease with Smart Chevrolet for one Chevrolet Equinox. The agency would like to continue this lease for an additional two years. This vehicle will primarily be used for travel to local Social Security Administration (SSA ) offices to hold face-to-face hearings with disability payment recipients. Our medical relations department makes trips to different parts of the state to recruit doctors that would eventually carry out physical/mental exams for the agency. Miscellaneous uses of picking up of supplies or transferring of equipment requires space that a normal passenger car cannot accommodate.

This agency is 100% federally funded and therefore the funds to pay for this lease will be provided exclusively by SSA. No state funds are used to fund the activities of our agency. The current policy with SSA states that no vehicle purchases are allowed at this time and therefore the agency seeks to continue this lease. If you need any further information on this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Stearns", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Stearns  
Director of Finance