CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager

From: Cindy Steen, Purchasing Agent

Through: Cindy Russell Interim City Clerk

Date: November 13, 2012

Subject: HIDTA Vehicle for Police Department

REQUEST:
City Council authorization is requested for the City to process a loan in the amount of 25,197.00 for a 2013 F150 Crew Cab 4x4 SSV. This vehicle is on State Contract.

BACKGROUND
This vehicle will be a reimbursement package purchased under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), to provide assistance to Federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States. The City of Gautier participates in the Gulf Coast HIDTA initiative.

As part of the HIDTA reimbursement package, the City of Gautier receives an allowance of $25,200.00 to purchase a vehicle to be used exclusively by the officer assigned as the full time HIDTA agent. This allowance is paid quarterly at a rate of $2,100.00 over a three (3) year period. This vehicle is subject to a mileage limitation and must be replaced when that mileage is exceeded. It is now time to replace the current HIDTA vehicle.

DISCUSSION
The replacement of this vehicle was discussed during the budget process. The initial expenditure will be offset by budgeted loan proceeds. The purchase was budgeted this way as a 3-year loan This was done to minimize impact on the General Fund budget. Payments will begin in FY 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:
Based on the interest rates of _____received from _____, City staff recommends that City Council authorize the loan in the amount of $25,197.00.

ATTACHMENT(S):