



March 1, 2023

L. Keith Tomey, Fire Chief Delray Beach Fire Rescue 501 West Atlantic Avenue Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dear Chief Tomey:

In respect to the sole source consideration, the Center for Public Safety Excellence* (CPSE*) is a non-profit corporation that holds the Commission on Fire Accreditation International* (CFAI*) and the Commission on Professional Credentialing* (CPC*). The CFAI was created through a memorandum of understanding between the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and is the only organization that provides fire service accreditation in the world.

The Center's Technical Advisor Program® (TAP®) has the only team of CFAI-recognized experts on the accreditation model available to professionally facilitate a community-driven strategic plan, a community risk assessment/standards of cover, and a self-assessment manual process. These CPSE technical advisors assure that the tenets of a quality process facilitation are accomplished while ensuring that all current and proposed relative international fire accreditation competencies are properly addressed. This is of greatest benefit to fire departments that are interested in, or who plan to pursue or maintain international fire accreditation.

Formal CPSE "conflict of interest" policies are in place and are strictly followed with the use of the technical advisor team to assure that neither collusion nor special advantage is afforded to an agency in its bid for accredited status. Every agency that sits before the CFAI in a bid for accreditation is heard on its own merit, and the technical advisors who worked with the agency are in no way a part of the formal accreditation evaluation or hearing by CFAI.

Should you have any questions in this matter, please feel free to contact myself or our Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Debbie Sobotka.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Dean, MS, CFO, EFO
Technical Advisor Program Manager

(703) 691-4620 Ext 209

Anor Da

Cc: Ms. Debbie Sobotka, COO





