



City Council Report

AGENDA
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Date: September 21, 2009
To: City Council
Through: Chris Brady, City Manager
From: Edward Quedens, Business Services Director
Subject: Term Contract for Regional Emergency Transportation Services for the Mesa Fire Department and the Other Regional Members, the Apache Junction Fire District and the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek (Contract #2009145) **(Single RFP Respondent)**
"Citywide" Contract

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

Council is requested to approve a Resolution (attached) authorizing the City Manager to enter into negotiations to formalize and potentially execute an Agreement for Regional Emergency Transportation Services for the Mesa Fire Department and the Other Regional Members (the Apache Junction Fire District and the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek) with the single respondent, SW General, Inc. dba Southwest Ambulance as recommended. Proposals were solicited and evaluated by an evaluation team led by the Mesa Fire Department and the Purchasing Division.

Background

On May 18, 2009, the Fire Department went before the Public Safety Committee and then the full Council with the recommendation to move forward with pursuing a regional emergency transportation service agreement. The regional partnership would include Mesa, the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek and the Apache Junction Fire District.

The anticipated advantages of the regional agreement included:

- Improved patient care for the east valley
- Continuity of medical care
- Improved response times - ability for closest unit to respond and MCT mapping
- Region wide operational procedures (continuity and consistency)
- AVL provides vehicle location and availability
- Seamless communications
- Regional management and problem solving
- Quality control and accountability
- Consistent with Automatic Aid System
- Build upon an existing regional EMS system

The Public Safety Committee and the Council supported the Fire Department moving forward with the regional emergency transportation service concept and the issuance of an RFP.

Discussion and Recommendation

Mesa, as lead for the Regional Members, issued a Request for Proposals on June 2, 2009. One response was received from Southwest Ambulance on the due date, August 3, 2009. An evaluation team, comprised of 2 representatives from Mesa Fire, a former Mesa Council Member, and one representative from each of the following communities: Apache Junction, Gilbert, Queen Creek, and Phoenix reviewed the response evaluating whether the response met the required elements of the RFP. The team recognizes Southwest Ambulance as a responsive bidder and recommends entering into negotiations for a contract. A final contract is contingent upon Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) approval.

PMT Ambulance submitted a bid protest and an appeal during the RFP process. Both were denied.

The proposed Resolution will allow the City Manager or his designee to initiate negotiations with Southwest Ambulance and upon approval of the final Agreement by the Arizona Department of Health Services, execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa. Mesa will continue to work in cooperation with the other Regional Members to negotiate and finalize the Agreement.

Alternatives

Council may choose not to award this contract and new proposals will be obtained.


Mesa's current contract expires in February of 2010 and has one (1) three-year renewal remaining. Mesa could renew the contract for the additional term, though this option is not recommended as the Mesa Fire Department has identified contract provisions that need to be updated.


Coordinated With

The regional emergency transportation service has been coordinated with the following fire departments: Mesa, Apache Junction, Gilbert, and Queen Creek.


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Business Services Director


Mary Cameli, Assistant Fire Chief


Harry Beck, Fire Chief


Chris Brady, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTHWEST AMBULANCE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REGIONAL EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City of Mesa, on its behalf and on behalf of the town of Gilbert, Queen Creek and the Apache Junction Fire District (“Agencies”), issued a Request for Proposal (RFP #2009145) to provide regional emergency transportation services.

Section 2: That the City of Mesa received one response to the RFP, from SW General, Inc. dba Southwest Ambulance (“Southwest Ambulance”), by the deadline to submit a response to the RFP.

Section 3: That an evaluation team representing the City of Mesa and the Agencies has analyzed and reviewed the Southwest Ambulance response to the RFP, has determined that Southwest Ambulance is a responsive bidder and recommends award to Southwest Ambulance.

Section 4: That the City Manager, Christopher J. Brady, or his designated representative, is authorized and directed to enter into negotiations to formalize and execute an Agreement to provide regional emergency transportation services and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the City Manager or his authorized designated representative thereon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 21th day of September, 2009.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk