



TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
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SUBJECT: Two 2019 North Star Type I Ambulances for EMS
Interlocal Purchasing West Pierce Fire & Rescue, Contract No. 2916-1 –
May 21, 2019
DATE: May 7, 2019

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

The Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) recommends a contract be awarded to Braun NW, Inc., Chehalis, Washington, for purchase of two 2019 North Star Type 1 Ambulances in the amount of \$518,430.00 plus applicable taxes.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.

The proposed contract purchases two ambulances for use in the continued operation of TFD’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program.

BACKGROUND:

ISSUE: General Motors recently announced it would no longer produce the Savanna Type 3 Duramax 6.6L diesel-powered ambulance chassis used to construct TFD’s current fleet of advanced life support ambulance transports. No other manufacturers produce a similar model. Consequently, TFD arranged for the production of two new Type 1 ambulances to serve as potential prototypes and test beds for the next generation of TFD’s ambulances. TFD intends to operate both vehicles during 2020 and 2021 in time to finalize a new specification for ambulances when the current frontline vehicles begin to be replaced in 2022.

ALTERNATIVES: TFD could have elected not to test Type 1 ambulances before buying them. However, testing ensures that the new vehicles will perform successfully in Tacoma before placing an order that eventually could replace all five frontline vehicles.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:

West Pierce Fire & Rescue Contract No. 2916-1 is a competitively solicited contract awarded from a Request for Proposals issued December 4, 2018. In addition to normal advertising three companies were invited to bid and one submittal was received. This contract meets Tacoma’s competitive solicitation requirements by means of an interlocal purchasing agreement with West Pierce Fire & Rescue. Fire staff believes that purchasing via the West Pierce Fire & Rescue contract provides competitive pricing more quickly with less effort than if the City prepared its own solicitation especially so soon after theirs.



CONTRACT HISTORY: New Contract

SUSTAINABILITY: The test vehicles being purchased are intended to be prototype emergency medical transports, capable of reliably and durably performing in a frontline assignment for five years and up to 200,000 miles followed by up to five additional years as a secondary reserve vehicle in emergency service. Although performance, safety and durability are our highest priorities, we also consider options for the potential use of recycled products in vehicle manufacturing and maintenance.

SBE/LEAP COMPLIANCE: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

| FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME * | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1155 EMS Special Revenue | 609100 | 6539850 | \$518,430 |
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| TOTAL | | | \$518,430 |

REVENUES:

| FUNDING SOURCE | COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER) | COST ELEMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1155 EMS Special Revenue | 609100 | various | \$518,430 |
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| TOTAL | | | \$518,430 |

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$ 518,430 plus applicable tax.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? No

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. Funding for the purchase was included in the Fire Department’s 2019 Reappropriation request for the 2019-2020 EMS Fund budget.