



December 04, 2014

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Fire and Life Safety
Non Emergent Ambulance Transports
RFP #1305

ADDENDUM #3

The City of Springfield is hereby amending the above mentioned RFP. The original document can be found on the City's website at www.springfield-or.gov . By selecting the hyperlink *Purchasing/Contracts* from the menu on the left side of the home page, interested parties will be linked to the RFP/ITB page.

1. Question: Can we deliver our RFP response via email?

City's Response: No. Page 7 V. Schedule for Selection Process requires "One original and (4) four copies of the proposal, clearly marked "**RFP #1305 - Non-Emergent Ambulance Transportation Services**" and contained in a sealed envelope or box shall be received no later than 2:00 PM local time, December 11, 2014 at the following address: ..."

2. Question: Addendum 2 to RFP #1305 Non Emergent Ambulance Transport Services indicates that the only form of performance security acceptable to the City is a performance bond. The RFP requires proposers to submit a "signed Attachment #3" with their proposals. The concern from a bidder standpoint is that the Surety companies typically will not issue a performance bond without first reviewing the final contract verbiage in an effort to estimate their risk in providing the bond. As such, can you clarify if the City's intent of the "signed Attachment #3" is purely to confirm the proposer's agreement to provide the performance bond as required? Or is the City anticipating proposers provide a complete and "active" performance bond prior to being awarded a contract? Will the City accept a "signed" but blank attachment #3 as compliance with the criteria?

City's Response: The City's intent of the "signed Attachment #3" is purely to confirm the proposer's agreement to provide the performance bond as required. City will accept a "signed" but blank attachment #3 as compliance with the criteria. The performance bond will be required before the City will counter sign the contract.

3. Question: Provider respectfully requests the following exceptions regarding the City's Request for Proposals for Non-Emergency Ambulance Services for City of Springfield and City of Eugene Service Area, Lane County. RFP 1305

Section 4.a.i Scope of Service Generally

The provider shall provide pre-scheduled and inter-hospital non-emergent Intermediate Life Support (ILS) level ambulance services 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

Currently the State of Oregon does not have any approved curriculum for Oregon licensed EMT- Intermediate. The schools have not provided any State Approved EMT-Intermediate class since the change in statute. The state

numbers are decreasing currently for licensed EMT-Intermediates. Currently there are less than 160 Oregon licensed EMT-Intermediates in Lane County, and less than 950 in the entire State. We respectfully believe that we can incentivize the hiring of this classification of employee given an actual pool of providers to draw from. But the pool is limited and shrinking. Making a commitment on a diminishing and currently unsupported provider level given the scope and potential consequences for an item truly not in the providers control requires us to request an exemption to this requirement.

Is the expectation of the optional State licensed Paramedic in lieu of an EMT-Intermediate to require a formal restriction of scope of practice by the Medical Director, or the Provider to formally revert back to a lower licensure level? Given the individual consequences for both of those we respectfully request an exemption of this to either recognize the provider at their licensed level or remove it entirely.

City's Response: Proposer should include in their proposal a plan for providing pre-scheduled and inter-hospital non-emergent Intermediate Life Support (ILS) level ambulance services 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. City recognizes the current situation with EMT-Intermediate training and licensing in the State of Oregon. If proposer is unable to meet this requirement of the RFP at the present time, please indicate this in your response. An exception may be granted and will be negotiated with the successful proposer.

In the event that it is necessary to further amend, revise or supplement any part this ITB, additional addenda will be posted on the City's website at <http://www.springfield-or.gov> (select the Purchase Contracts hyperlink and RFP# 1305 Addendum #3 Non-emergent Ambulance Transports). As stated in the original solicitation, City will make a reasonable effort to provide the addenda to all Proposers to whom City provided the initial RFP. This addendum shall be considered part of the specification of the RFP. The City is not responsible for any explanation, clarification, interpretation or approval made or given in any manner except by written addenda issued by City.

ALL BIDDERS SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE AND INCLUDE THIS ADDENDA #3 AS PART OF THEIR SUBMITTAL PACKAGE.