

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

Action memorandum No.	19-60		
Date action introduced:	September 24, 2019	Introduced by:	Bo Foley, Acting City Manager
Date action taken:	September 24, 2019	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Confirmed by:	KM		

Action Title: Direct Administration to negotiate and execute the purchase of ambulance remount services for “Medic 5” at a cost of approximately \$167,495 with Braun Northwest, Inc., through the joint purchase contract that Braun has with Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Attachment(s): (1) Cooperative Agreement between Houston-Galveston Area Council and Braun Northwest, Inc. #18-00433; (2) Amendment #1, Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Agreement #18-00433; (3) Certification Statement: Bidder Conformance with Bethel Municipal Code; (4) Braun Northwest, Inc. HGAC Proposal for City of Bethel dated September 6, 2019; (5) H-GAC Buy Contract Pricing Worksheet; (6) Braun Northwest, Inc. Remount Specifications for Bethel Fire Department; (7) Alaska Marine Lines Quote W190903014 for barge shipment of ambulance from Bethel to Seattle.

Amount of fiscal impact:		Account information:
\$165,000.00	Funds in City FY 2020 Budget.	10-60-691
\$2,495.41	Funds in City FY 2020 Budget.	10-60-669

Summary Statement

The Bethel Fire Department provides lifesaving care with its fleet of ambulances, equipment, supplies, and trained paid and volunteer staff members. The Department currently has two working ambulances (Medic 4 and Medic 6) and one broken ambulance (Medic 5). The 2003 chassis in Medic 5 experienced catastrophic failure and must be replaced. However, the “box” or patient compartment is still in sufficient shape for refurbishment.

The City’s FY 2020 Budget contains \$165,000 in the Fire Department’s Capital Expenditures budget to cover the cost of one ambulance remount. The City’s FY 2020 Budget contains \$22,500 in the Other Purchased Services account to cover project cost overages.

City Attorney Michael Gatti reviewed and approved the use of Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) contracts for City joint purchases. Braun Northwest, Inc. is a pre-bid award winner with H-GAC. To complete this joint purchase, the City of Bethel must sign the attached Proposal and Amendment #1, and then issue a Purchase Order.

Braun is located in Washington State and provides ambulance remount services. Braun is the same company from which the City purchased its “Medic 5” and “Medic 6” ambulances.

The Department is preparing to send Medic 5 to Seattle by AML barge on September 26, 2019. Once in Seattle, Medic 5 will be taken to a Braun Northwest, Inc. garage in Chehalis, Washington for remount services.

The patient compartment will be taken off of the chassis, refurbished, and attached to a new Dodge Ram 4500 chassis with a gasoline engine. The new gasoline engine is expected to provide more reliable service than the former diesel engine and be easier to maintain by City Vehicle and Equipment Division staff members. The refurbished Medic 5 will have a power stretcher and loader installed and a special compartment that will be used to transport water and ice rescue equipment. The new chassis service life is estimated to be 15 years.

With 180 day lead time, the City expects to receive the completed ambulance on an early barge in Summer 2020.