



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/10/13  
Agenda Item #: R.2  
Est. Start Time: 9:55 am  
Date Submitted: 9/25/13

Agenda Title: **Authorizing Multnomah County Emergency Medical Services  
Ambulance Franchise Contract-Specific Special Procurement Request**

Requested Meeting Date: October 10, 2013 Time Needed: 30 Minutes  
Department: Health Department Division: Health Officer/EMS  
Contact(s): Darrell Knott, EMS Administrator  
Phone: 503-988-3663 Ext. 22216 I/O Address: 160/7  
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Justin Denny, Health Officer, Darrell Knott, EMS Administrator

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Health Department's Emergency Medical Services Program (Program) is requesting the Board of County Commissioners' approval of a special procurement procedure to extend the Program's ambulance service franchise agreement, Multnomah County contract #0506046, amendment No. 5, for three years beyond the end of the contract term.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

County rules establish a process for soliciting competitive proposals from ambulance services providers, issuing an exclusive franchise, regulating rates for ambulance services and regulating the quality of ambulance service. However, the Board may approve the Contract-Specific Special Procurement Procedure instead of the competitive process for this limited duration contract.

By approving the exception, the EMS Program should have sufficient time to plan a competitive procurement responsive to any health care reform changes. If the Board does not approve the exception, the Program will proceed with a competitive Request for Proposal process. Unanswered questions related to how EMS services will be funded would by necessity be moved into the RFP process. This uncertainty may place the County and EMS providers at risk, both financially and operationally, of having an obsolete ambulance plan at the time that the contract is awarded.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

This action is expected to have a neutral effect on the budget.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

The *Contract-Specific Special Procurement* procedure defined in PCRB Rule 47-0285(1)(c) allows for this one-time special procurement. The extension would begin September 1, 2015 and terminate no later than September 1, 2018.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Not applicable.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Lillian Shirley /s/

**Date:**

September 25, 2013