

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-138**

Authorizing Multnomah County Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Franchise Contract - Specific Special Procurement Request.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Health care reforms at federal and local levels will impact the fundamental assumptions currently guiding emergency medical service delivery and reimbursement.
- b. The County's exclusive ambulance services contract with AMR is scheduled to terminate on August 31, 2015.
- c. Multnomah County Code Chapter 21.425 requires a competitive proposal process to select the exclusive provider of emergency ambulance service for the Ambulance Service Area in the County. However, a competitive procurement at this time would be extremely difficult to draft because of the many unanswered questions related to health care reform. The County risks wasting significant resources on a competitive procurement that will likely be obsolete by the time the contract is awarded.
- d. Considering the uncertainty in the health care reform landscape, MCEMS requests that the Board delay the competitive proposal process until assumptions guiding emergency medical service delivery and reimbursement are clear.
- e. Public Contracting Review Board Rule 47-0285(1)(c) allows the Board to use a "Contract-Specific Special Procurement" to enter into a single Contract on a one-time basis. The Contract-Specific Special Procurement may be used to extend the County's contract with AMR until health care reforms' effects on emergency medical services solidify.
- f. A Contract-Specific Special Procurement for a maximum of three years will allow sufficient time to respond to health care reform and plan an appropriate competitive procurement for emergency medical services.
- g. This Contract-Specific Special Procurement is unlikely to encourage favoritism or substantially diminish competition in the awarding of public contracts, is reasonably expected to result in substantial cost savings to the County, and is in the public's interest.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

To authorize a Contact-Specific Special Procurement allowing an extension of the AMR contract from September 1, 2015 to September 1, 2018.

**ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2013.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Marissa Madrigal, Acting Chair



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