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EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT
C-22-0549a-11-10

THIS CONTRACT is made and entered into this 10th day of November, 2022, by and between the **COUNTY OF HIDALGO, TEXAS** ("County"), and **Skyline EMS, Inc.**, ("Company").

WHEREAS, rural areas situated in Precinct 1 of Hidalgo County, not served by ambulance service, including but not limited to any service area covered by Emergency Services Districts located in Precinct 1 (collectively, the "Service Area(s)"), are not currently served by emergency ambulance service;

WHEREAS, the provision of emergency ambulance services may, under Texas law, be provided to a Service Area by a county; however, counties are not required to provide services to a Service Area.

WHEREAS, Company is duly licensed under the Emergency Medical Services Act, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code (the "Act");

WHEREAS, Company is willing to provide services (the "Services") in accordance with specifications attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes (the Request for Proposal (RFP) - "Specifications");

WHEREAS, in recognition of and in consideration of Company's agreement to the terms and conditions herein contained, the Commissioners Court of County deems it

in

the best interest to the inhabitants of the Service Area of Hidalgo County to contract with Company on the terms and conditions as contained in this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in mutual consideration of the foregoing and the further consideration of the following, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. County and Company hereby agree that this Emergency Ambulance Service Contract is entered into in order to provide emergency ambulance service to inhabitants of the Service Area of Hidalgo County. This Contract does not extend to any third parties any duties or benefits conferred in any manner hereunder or otherwise.

2. Company hereby promises and agrees to render and provide the Services during the term of this Contract, and shall be obligated to render and provide the Services for the general public in the Service Area in response to calls for the Services pursuant to the terms of this Contract. The company also agrees to respond to any emergency ambulance calls in the Service Area.

3. Company hereby promises and agrees to maintain at the Company's sole expense a state of the art communication center that will be capable of managing all EMS calls for the Service Area, a description of such communications center is attached hereto in Exhibit "A" (the "Communications Center")

4. The term of this Contract shall be for a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. November 14, 2022, and terminate on, November 13, 2023, at 12:00 a.m., with an option to extend for an additional one (1) year term, (the "Termination Date") unless this Contract is earlier terminated pursuant to the provisions herein.

5. As a condition of this Contract, if a new provider is not in place at the end of the contract term, whether by expiration or termination of the term, Company will, if

requested in writing by County, continue providing service for a period not to exceed 90 (ninety) days or until new contract for services is approved.

6. County may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice at any time with or without cause.

7. As a condition of this Contract, Company shall hold and maintain throughout the term of this Contract a valid emergency ambulance provider license for the highest level of care, issued by the Texas Board of Health (the "License"), subject to all terms and conditions of the Act, as may from time to time be amended.

8. All ambulances operated under the License held by Company shall contain all equipment required by the Act and the Specifications, and all persons in the employ of Company who provide the emergency medical care in such ambulances shall have the qualifications, skill, and expertise to perform such emergency medical services, which shall include but not limited to all permits and/or certificates required by the Act, and such persons shall comply with all rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Health or any other agency or authority having jurisdiction with regard to the operation and/or provision of ambulance services, and with the terms of the specifications.

9. As consideration for rendering the Services provided for in this Contract, the County agrees to pay Company the amount applicable to Precinct 1 indicated in Exhibit "B".

10. Company shall provide insurance in force on all its vehicles and all persons connected with the provision of Services under this Contract naming County as an additional insured, with the coverage in the amounts required by the County and shall furnish to County a certificate of such insurance coverage attached as Exhibit "C".

agreement shall be construed as if such invalid illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

19. This Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns where permitted by this Contract.

20. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Hidalgo County.

21. Company warrants and represents that it will, at all times during the term of this Contract, abide by the standards and requirements set forth in the Specifications.

22. Company represents and warrants it has not, during the process of being awarded this Contract violated the following ethical standards of County and, upon and after the execution of this Contract, agrees to abide by the following ethical standards of County:

- a. It shall be a breach of ethics to offer, give or agree to give any elected official, department head or employee, or former elected official, department head or employee, of Hidalgo County, or for any elected official, department head or employee or former official, department head or employee of Hidalgo County to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, entity or organization, a gratuity or an officer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy or other particular matter pertaining to any requirement of a contract or subcontract, or to any

solicitation or proposal, therefore, pending before any department or agency of Hidalgo County.

- b. It shall be a breach of ethics for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor for any contract for Hidalgo County, or any person associated therewith, as an inducement for the award of a subcontract or order.

23. In the event that, during any term hereof, the Commissioners Court does not appropriate sufficient funds to the Clerk to meet the obligations of County under this Contract, County may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to Company. County agrees, however, to use its best efforts to secure funds necessary for the continued performance of this Contract. The parties intend this provision to be a continuing right to terminate this Agreement at the expiration of each budget period of County pursuant to be a continuing right to terminate this Contract at the expiration of each budget period of County pursuant to the provisions of Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Ann. §271.903 (Vernon Suppl. 1995).

24. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and terminates all previous Agreement(s) between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and each party acknowledges that neither has made (either directly or through any agent or representative) any representations or agreements in connection with this Agreement not specifically set forth herein. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by an agreement in writing executed by County and Company, and not otherwise.

25. Immunities. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to and County does not hereby waive, release or relinquish any right to assert any of the defenses County enjoys

by virtue of the state or federal constitution, laws, rules or regulations, and any sovereign, official or qualified immunity available to County as to any claim or action of any person, entity, or individual against County.

26. Nondiscrimination: Company, including subcontractors, assignees and successors in interest, ensures that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or any other protected class under law, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination or retaliation in any federally or non-federally funded program or activity when providing any services described herein under this contract/agreement. Applicable nondiscrimination statements and provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

27. Additional Documents: The parties hereto covenant and agree that they will execute each such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this contract/agreement.

28. Required Contract Provision for Contracts Subject to Federal Award (if applicable): Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.327, a non-federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to 2 CFR 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts under Federal Awards. Additionally, County contracts under Federal award which are subject to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are also required to contain additional contract clauses. The applicable required contract clauses are incorporated herein and made part of this agreement for all purposes.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first written above.

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON November 10, 2022.

Agenda Item No. 88250

Executive Office: MS

VENDOR:

COUNTY:
COUNTY OF HIDALGO

Juan Cordero
Juan Cordero (Nov 10, 2022 19:06 CST)
Juan Cordero, Owner

Richard F. Cortez
Hon. Richard F. Cortez, County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of the Criminal District Attorney,
Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.

ATTEST:



Robert Viña, III
Robert Viña, III (Nov 14, 2022 09:18 CST)
Robert Viña III, Assistant District Attorney

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.
Arturo Guajardo, Jr., County Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:
(If Applicable)

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES:
(If Applicable)

Exhibit "A"
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROCUREMENT PACKET