

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** December 13, 1999
FROM: CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACT TO AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AMBULANCE SERVICE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000 PER YEAR

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council: i) authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002[F], contracts for professional or unique services, with American Medical Response (AMR) for special event standby ambulance service for a period of one year or until an amount not to exceed \$65,000 is expended, whichever comes first; ii) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional one year periods not to exceed \$65,000 per year, without further City Council consideration.

It is further recommended that the City Council grant this contract an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance, pursuant to section 4.09.060[C], contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Rose Bowl plays host to a variety of events, drawing large numbers of people. Whenever such crowds are present, it is the responsibility of the City to ensure an adequate level of paramedic service is standing-by and available. The City has historically contracted for this service because the City has not possessed sufficient resources to staff events solely with its own forces. Moreover, given the frequency of events, it has been more cost-effective to supplement the City's resources on an as-needed basis.

The most recent request for proposals for this service was issued in March 1998. As a result of that process, Aggressive Progressive Transport (APT) Ambulance Company was selected to provide the needed services.

Recently, the City was notified that APT Ambulance Company had gone into receiver ship and could no longer provide service to the City under the terms of the contract. Given the situation, staff would normally reissue the request for proposals in order to select another firm to provide the needed services. However, in order to ensure adequate coverage for New Years events being held at the Rose Bowl, staff recommends awarding a contract to the firm which was ranked number two during the prior request for proposal process, American Medical Response (AMR).

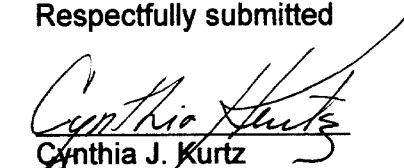
AMR has over 60 years of experience providing ambulance service and currently has close to 500 ambulances in service in the Southern California area. AMR has previously provided these services to the City of Pasadena and was narrowly beaten out by APT during the last selection process solely on the basis of cost and not experience.

Staff has requested a one-year base contract with two optional one-year extension periods. This term is the same as was provided for in the prior request for proposals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for this contract are currently available in the Rose Bowl events budget and will be charged on an event by event basis.

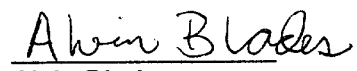
Respectfully submitted


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