

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.6**  
(ID # 15039)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**FROM :** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT:

**SUBJECT:** EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT: Ratification and Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc. for Special Emergency Medical Services Programs, All Districts. [\$3,000,000 - 100% Federal Funds]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with American Medical Response Ambulance Service Inc. for Special Emergency Medical Services Programs to extend the contract period for an additional six months through June 30, 2021, with no change in the original contract amount of \$3,000,000; and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County.

**ACTION:**


  
Ramon A. Leon, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MGMT DEPT 4/28/2021

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: May 18, 2021  
xc: EMD

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$3,000,000	\$ 0	\$3,000,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal Funding</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	20/21

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The County of Riverside, on behalf of its Emergency Management Department, Emergency Medical Services Agency, entered into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc. (AMR) for Special Emergency Medical Services Programs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The MOU was for the period of January 28, 2020, through December 31, 2020, and was ratified and approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 29, 2020. The MOU provides for special emergency medical services programs to be provided to the County which includes non-transport special EMS programs approved by the Riverside County EMS Agency (REMSA). Examples of functions considered special emergency medical services programs includes: COVID-19 testing sites, skilled nursing operational support, quick response strike teams to support skilled nursing facilities, and other COVID-19 response support as necessary during the pandemic. Since January 2021, AMR is providing support to vaccine sites.

Amendment No. 1 to the MOU with AMR extends the contract period for an additional six months through June 30, 2021, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

AMR is uniquely positioned to aid in the provision of non-transport EMS programs that will benefit County of Riverside residents by supporting congregate living facilities, hospitals, clinics, and other public health agencies within the County.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The programs and personnel provided by AMR from March 1, 2020, to December 30, 2020, pursuant to the MOU were fully funded by the County's allocation of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act Funding). Services after December 30, 2020, will be paid by the County and submitted to FEMA as part of the County's reimbursement claim.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

The County and American Medical Response Ambulance Service Inc. entered into the Agreement, Contract No. 15-097, for emergency ambulance service within Riverside County for the period of July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2020, approved by the Board of Supervisors on

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January 13, 2015. On December 11, 2018, the third one-year amendment (Amendment No. 3) was approved by the Board of Supervisors to extend the contract term through June 30, 2023. On September 29, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding to Contract 15-097, which allowed for special emergency medical services programs to be provided to the County as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic through December 31, 2020.

The requested service was initiated as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As per the Director of Emergency Services Emergency Procurement Order dated March 26, 2020, the competitive bidding process was suspended for necessary goods and services immediately needed in the County of Riverside's operations for the preservation of life and property during the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Riverside regarding COVID-19.

**ATTACHMENT – MOU-AMR-15-097 Amendment No. 1**

  
Cherilyn Williams

5/12/2021



Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel

4/28/2021

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH  
AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

Original Contract Term:	January 28, 2020 through December 31, 2020
Amended Contract Term:	January 28, 2020 through June 30, 2021
Effective Date of Amendment:	January 1, 2021
Maximum Contract Amount:	\$3,000,000
Contract ID:	MOU-AMR-15-097

This First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") is entered into by and between the County of Riverside ("COUNTY") and American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc. ("AMR").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, COUNTY and AMR entered into the MOU (also identified as MOU-AMR-15-097) for Special Emergency Medical Services Programs to be provided as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for the COUNTY on behalf of its Emergency Management Department; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY now desires to extend the Agreement through June 30, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The first sentence of Section 2 of the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"The term of this MOU shall be from January 28, 2020 (the "Effective Date") through June 30, 2021 or the duration of the existence of the Local Emergency throughout the County of Riverside, terminating on the date that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside terminates its proclamation of said Local Emergency."

3. This First Amendment shall be effective January 1, 2021.

*(Signatures on following page)*

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this First Amendment.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political  
subdivision of the State of California

By: [Signature]  
Jeffrey Van Wagenen, CEO

Dated: 4.1.21

AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE  
AMBULANCE SERVICE INC.,

By: [Signature]  
Thomas Wagner, CEO President.  
Western Regional Operations

Dated: 2/25/21

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Gregory P. Priamos  
County Counsel

By: [Signature]

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By: Karen S. Spiegel  
Karen Spiegel  
Chair

ATTEST:  
CLERK OF THE BOARD:

By: [Signature]  
Deputy

(SEAL)