

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 36FD EMS CARTER BLOODCARE

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Carter BloodCare to Provide Blood Components and Related Services for an Annual Amount Up to \$126,000.00 for the Initial Term and Authorize Four (4) One-Year Renewal Options for the Same Amount for the Fire Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Carter BloodCare to provide blood components and related services for an annual amount up to \$126,000.00 for the initial term and authorize four (4) one-year renewal options for the same amount for the Fire Department.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of an agreement with Carter BloodCare to provide blood components and related services. The Office of the Medical Director (OMD) oversees the clinical care delivered by the Fort Worth Fire Department in the Emergency Management Services (EMS) system. In the delivery of advanced life support and critical care interventions in the field, the Fire Department requires access to blood components such as whole blood, packed red blood cells, and plasma to optimize patient outcomes during traumatic events and severe medical emergencies.

Carter BloodCare is a licensed blood center and non-profit organization that provides blood and transfusion services to hospitals and emergency medical providers throughout Texas. Through this agreement, Carter BloodCare will supply blood components that are properly screened, labeled, and delivered in compliance with Food and Drug Administration, Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies, and applicable regulatory standards.

This partnership will allow the Fire Department's Emergency Management Services to ensure timely access to lifesaving blood products for critically ill and injured patients under field resuscitation protocols.

FUNDING: Upon adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget for Emergency Medical Services, funding will be available in the Emergency Medical Services Fund for the Fire Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDERS: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval.

TERM: The initial term of the agreements will begin upon execution and end one year from the date.

RENEWAL TERMS: The agreement may be renewed for four (4) additional one-year terms. This action does not require specific City Council approval provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal term.

Chapter 252 Exemption: This agreement was approved as exempt from competitive bidding requirements under chapter 252 as a contract necessary to preserve or protect the public health and safety, by the Fort Worth City Attorney's Office.

This solicitation was reviewed by The Business Equity Division for available business equity prospects according to the City's Business Equity Ordinance. There were limited business equity opportunities available for the services/goods requested, therefore, no business equity goal was established.

This agreement will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for Emergency Medical Services by the City Council, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Emergency Medical Services Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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