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Department of Rehabilitation and
Correction

Procurement Track

Controlling Board Number

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2023

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Request Type: **Operating**

Authorization Type
Waiver of Competitive Selection

Status
Approved

Meeting Date
3/20/2023

Request Summary

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$450,000.00 from fund GRF, ALI 505321 (Institution Medical Services) in FY 2023 to contract with Mercy Health Life Flight Network, LLC, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Hamilton County, for ambulance transport services for incarcerated individuals at the Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution located in Lima, Ohio, Allen County.

Funding

Fiscal Year	Fund	ALI	Amount
2023	GRF - General Revenue (GRF)	505321 - Institution Medical Services	\$450,000.00

Explanation

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) is responsible for providing medical and mental health care as needed to those individuals incarcerated in its custody. In addition to providing medical services inside institutional facilities, emergency medical situations may require ambulance transportation to outside facilities. Institutional facilities are located throughout the state and the choices of ambulance transport providers are limited to those in the closest proximity to the facility.

This operating request is to obtain retroactive approval to contract with Mercy Health Life Flight Network, LLC, in FY2023, for transport ambulance services for ODRC's Office of Correctional Health Care, to be utilized at the Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution (AOCI). Ambulance services are needed to transport patients from the institution to St. Rita's Medical Center emergency department in Lima, Ohio and to/from The Ohio State University Medical Center or Franklin Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. During a riot or disaster situation, AOCI may use its discretion to seek additional help beyond the ambulance service's capacity.

When the Office of Procurement Services originally bid ambulance services, no vendors responded to the Invitation to Bid for Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution. Mercy Health Life Flight Network, LLC was selected to provide ambulance services after DAS' bidding process brought forth no viable vendors. The billing address for the supplier is located in Cincinnati, however the ambulance services are provided in Lima, Ohio. Due to staffing changes at the facility as well as untimely responses for requests of required information from the supplier, there were additional delays in processing a funding request for Controlling Board approval prior to reaching the direct spending authority threshold.

Mercy Health Life Flight Network, LLC will provide, as necessary, emergency/non-emergency ambulance transport services for:

- Basic Life Support (BLS) - basic ambulance transportation and emergency procedures consisting of but not limited to: CPR, shock and bleeding control, MAST trousers, splinting, bandaging, spinal immobilization, airway management, oxygen administration and suctioning.
- Advanced Life Support (ALS) - All services included under BLS and IV therapy, cardiac monitoring and defibrillation, intubation and drug administration per protocol or direct order.

The facility consulted with the medical staff at AOCI and estimated that \$450,000.00 is needed for FY 2023 ambulance services. A portion of the funds is needed to remit payment for past due invoices in the amount of \$213,302.90.

DAS is preparing a new solicitation for a FY2024/2025 ambulance services contract for facilities. The agency is hopeful vendors will respond with the ability to provide contracted services to institutions throughout the state of Ohio.

Supplier / Release & Permit

Supplier: **0000297268 - MERCY HEALTH LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK LLC, CINCINNATI, OH** Hamilton 

Agency	Fiscal Year	Request Amount	Contract Start	Contract End	Account	Release & Permit Number
DRC	2023	\$450,000.00	7/1/2022	6/30/2023	521062 - AMBULANCE SERVICE	DRC00162

Attachments

Type	File Name (<i>link</i>)
Contract	Complete with DocuSign Allen Ambulance Servi

Supplier Questionnaire

Supplier Name: **MERCY HEALTH LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK LLC**

New Contract

1. *What process was used to select a supplier?*

Other

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Number of days opportunity was advertised: **0**

Supplier	City	State	County	Proposal Amount	Selected
MERCY HEALTH LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK LLC	CINCINNATI	OH	Hamilton	\$450,000.00	Yes

Why was the supplier selected? **Other**

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2. *Is the supplier already performing work under this contract?*

Yes

On what date did the contract begin? **7/1/2022**

Are you requesting retroactive approval of the contract? **No**

3. *Buy Ohio/Buy American Compliance*

Is the contractor in compliance with Buy Ohio? **Yes**

Is the contractor in compliance with Buy America? **Yes**

4. *Provide the following employee information:*

	United States	Ohio
Total Number of Employees	239	239
Percentage of Women	45.00%	45.00%
Percentage of Minorities	11.00%	11.00%

5. *Are subcontractors being used?*

No

6. *Provide future renewal schedules:*

Fiscal Year	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Total Amount
		Total:	\$0.00

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