



AGENDA REPORT
December 19, 2017

SUBJECT:

Request Approval to waive formal bidding requirement and Approval to enter contract with Orlando Medical Institute for purpose of providing a paramedic program for a total of 40 employees in the amount of \$260,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated total of two-hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) to be paid out between the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 fiscal years.

DEPT/OFFICE:

Agenda Coordinator

REQUESTED ACTION:

Request approval to waive formal bidding requirement and approval to enter agreement with Orlando Medical Institute to provide paramedic instruction for up to forty (40) County personnel in the amount of six-thousand and five hundred dollars (\$6,500) per student for an estimated total of two-hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) to be paid out between the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 fiscal years.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:

Whereas, the Brevard County Fire Rescue is the sole provider of Advanced Life Support services to the County and is required to maintain adequate levels of staffing to as defined by Chapter 64J of the Florida Administrative Code and Chapter 401 of the Florida State Statute, Brevard County Fire Rescue requests approval to enter an agreement with Orlando Medical Institute. The agreement shall provide up to forty (40) County personnel to attend paramedic school in the amount of six-thousand and five hundred dollars (\$6,500) per student for an estimated total of two-hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) that shall be spread over the 2017- 2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal periods .

Selection criteria for the institution was based on several factors including cost, existing clinical internship contracts with Brevard County Fire Rescue, commencement of services and programmatic accreditations to enable to students to test with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or NREMT.

Clinical Internship- Only three (3) educational institutions currently operate on Brevard County Fire Rescue units for the purpose of clinical internships they include Eastern Florida State College (EFSC), EMETSEEI Institute and Orlando Medical Institute (OMI). As to insure to protect the County taxpayers investment, it is highly desirable that the students complete a significant portion of the clinical internship program on Brevard County Advance Life Support units.

Cost- Three (3) quotes have been solicited on a per student basis between July 13, 2017 and December 1, 2017. Of the three institutions Orlando Medical Institute was the lowest competitively priced school at \$6,500 per student and with the acknowledgement that the program would be run at the Fire Rescue Center located at 1040 S. Florida Avenue Rockledge, FL 32955.

Commencement of Services- It is acknowledged that both EMETSEEI Institute and Orlando Medical Institute are willing to begin the paramedic program upon authorization of the contract. Unfortunately, Eastern Florida State College declined providing an off- season program and requiring the County to wait until August to start a paramedic program. This would delay paramedics entering the County's roles by a minimum of six (6) months and potentially increasing the amount field personnel are mandated to paramedic positions.

Programmatic Accreditations- The State of Florida in recent years has made strides to move the paramedic educational system to have programmatic accreditation through the Committee on Accreditation Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAMESP) to enable students the ability to test with the NREMT which is industry standard. To this OMI and EFSC were the only two institutions that hold such credentials.

CLERK TO THE BOARD INSTRUCTIONS:

Return executed contract to the Department

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

No Attachments Available

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action
Agenda Coordinator	Lewis, Sally	Approved