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OFFICE OF CONTRACTING & PROCUREMENT

June 21, 2023

**RE: MEMORANDUM**

**EMERGENCY AMBULANE RESPONSE COVERAGE**


Pursuant to Section 17-5-91 c, The Purchasing Director, without prior approval of the City Council, may make, or authorize others to make, an emergency procurement when public exigencies require the immediate delivery of articles or performance of services or when there exists a threat to public health, welfare or safety under emergency conditions where prior approval of the City Council would be impossible or impracticable under the circumstances.

The following contract was entered into and granted by the Chief Procurement Officer, as noted, to provide standby emergency ambulance response coverage for the City of Detroit through September 2023. In the past month, there have been three (3) occasions in which no ambulance units were available during peak times; City ambulances currently have a utilization rate of 65-0%, well-above the national average of approximately 40%; however, it is evident that there is an extraordinary deficiency in resources and capabilities that will only be exacerbated in the coming summer months and that requires immediate corrective action to protect the public. If left unresolved, these problems will both negatively impact the ability of residents to receive critical lifesaving services and feed a vicious cycle in which City employees are overworked and thus less likely to be retained, further increasing the threat to residents and the immediate need for additional resources.

The City intends to take long term corrective actions, including the increased hiring of those who can provide emergency medical services, but a more immediate solution is necessary to ensure there are enough ambulance units available to provide critical services to residents.

CONTRACT	DESCRIPTION	COMPANY NAME	AMOUNT	DATE	BUYER
6005404	Standby Emergency Ambulance Response Coverage	Universal Macomb Ambulance Service	\$553,392.00	6/8/2023	Pam Crump

Respectfully Submitted,

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