



Commission Meeting

May 7, 2024

Vendor Award – RFP 23-149 Ambulance Coding, Billing & Collections Service for Augusta

Department:	Fire
Presenter:	Antonio Burden, Fire Chief/EMA Director
Caption:	Motion to approve entering into Contract with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. to provide professional services for ambulance coding, billing, and collections for the Augusta Fire Department and authorize the mayor to execute all necessary documents for an initial two (2) year contract with option to extend for three (3) additional one (1) year terms. (RFP 23-149) (Approved by Public Safety Committee April 30, 2024)
Background:	The Augusta Fire Department provides a two-tier EMS response program. On all dispatches for EMS service, a fire company may be dispatched to evaluate the need for service, provide medical assistance, stabilize the patient, and collect data regarding patient condition and billing information. Additionally, Augusta Fire Department ambulances respond to all structure fires in the event of need of emergency medical services and respond to 911 EMS calls when authorized. An RFP (#23-149) was put out for bid for companies interested in providing billing services for Augusta, Georgia's EMS-related calls and treatments. EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. was deemed the most responsive and responsible bidder. They will provide billing and collection services for Augusta, Georgia's EMS-related calls and treatments and their fees will be 6.5% of fees collected.
Analysis:	
Financial Impact:	This Agreement will result in a positive net flow for Augusta, Georgia and provide a funding source to offset the expense of providing Emergency Medical Services to the citizens and visitors of Augusta.
Alternatives:	None at this time.
Recommendation:	To approve the Motion to approve entering into Contract with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. to provide professional services for ambulance coding, billing, and collections for the Augusta Fire Department and authorize the mayor to execute all necessary documents. (RFP 23-149)
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Fire Department 2024 Budget Line item 274034110-5212999
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

