



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board of County Commissioners is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus in the amount not to exceed \$ 2,119,440.00 to purchase five (5) Braun Liberty ambulances for the Office of Emergency Services. These ambulances will replace 5 aging ambulances within the OES-EMS Fleet.

Background/Justification

In FY26, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a total of \$2,119,440.00 to fund the replacement of five ambulances as part of the county's ongoing vehicle replacement policy. This allocation reflects Durham County's commitment to maintaining a safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible emergency response fleet. The acquisition process will utilize the SAVVIK Cooperative Agreement consortium, which enables cost-effective purchasing through pre-negotiated contracts. Through this consortium, Durham County will partner with Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus, the authorized dealer for Braun Ambulances.

Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus initially submitted a quote of \$413,958.00 per ambulance valid through November 30th, 2025. In support of Durham County's efforts, Spartan has agreed to extend this pricing until November 30th, 2025, allowing the BOCC time to complete the necessary steps for approval and procurement.

Each new ambulance will also include a \$34,400.00 funding allocation included in the \$413,958.00 total for the Stealth Power anti-idle system, a critical upfit designed to enhance operational efficiency, reduce engine wear, and significantly minimize environmental impact. This system lowers idle time, decreases fuel consumption, and reduces CO2 emissions, all while supporting Durham County's sustainability initiatives and extending the life and performance of emergency vehicles.

Policy Impact

The Office of Emergency Services – Emergency Medical Services is seeking approval from the Board of County Commissioners to spend up to \$2,119,440.00 budgeted for FY26 for the purchase of five (5) new Braun Ambulances.

Procurement Background

OES is utilizing the SAVVIK Cooperative Agreement Consortium pricing for OES-EMS Ambulances. G.S. 143-129(e) allows local governments to be exempted from the competitive bidding requirements and purchase furnishings/equipment through group purchasing programs

Type of purchase

- ☐ Services
- ☒ Goods
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services



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☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process?

Yes ☐

No ☒

Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$

Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division. If no, why?

☐ Sole source exemption

☒ Cooperative purchasing program exemption

☐ State and federal contract exemption

☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract

☐ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Fiscal Impact

\$2,119,440.00 was approved for the 5 ambulances in the FY26 budget.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the BOCC authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus in the amount not to exceed \$2,119,440.00 for the purchase of five (5) Braun Liberty Ambulances for OES-Emergency Medical Services.