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## **El Paso County Agenda Item Details**

<b>Item Title:</b>	County Administration - Emergency Ambulance Service Agreement with Life Ambulance Service Inc. (Contract No. 2025-0077)
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator
<b>Department:</b>	County Administration
<b>Department Phone Number:</b>	915-273-3600
<b>Subject:</b>	<p>Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Emergency Ambulance Service Agreement with Life Ambulance Service Inc., to provide emergency ambulance services to the unincorporated areas of El Paso County in the amount \$407,052 per year, for the term beginning February 1, 2025, through January 31, 2027, and may be renewed for additional three (3) one-year terms. Funding is available in GF-AMBULANCESVC-OPS EXP-GEN. (Contract No. 2025-0077)</p>
<b>Background:</b>	<p>Pursuant to Texas Health &amp; Safety Code §774.003(a), the Commissioners Court desires to exercise its authorize to provide for emergency ambulance service in the county, including provision of necessary equipment, personnel and maintenance for the service; and pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(2), Commissioners Court finds that Life Ambulance Service's provision of life ambulance services in the County is necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of its residents.</p> <p>The County seeks to enter into an agreement with Life Ambulance, Inc. to provide emergency services throughout the County, excluding the cities of El Paso, Socorro, and Horizon. The proposed agreement will have a two-year term with the option to extend for three additional one-year periods. The total contract amount is \$407,052 per year, amounting to \$814,104 for the two-year term.</p> <p>The contract has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office.</p>

Contract Number: 202-0077  
Contract Term Start: 1/31/2025  
Contract Term End: 1/30/2027  
County Attorney Opinion Number:

**Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Impact Historical  
\$407,052 per year

Fiscal Impact Projected  
\$407,052 per year

Long Account Number: Amount:

Long Account Number: COGF-1000-0000000-431-30-40000-0330-00000-600309- Amount: \$407,052.00

**Budget or Unbudgeted Match:**

**Recommendation:**

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**Prior Action:**

N/A

**Strategic Plan:**

Goal:

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Objective:

**Strategic Plan Information:**

**Estimated Time Needed  
For This Item:**

STATE OF TEXAS                    )  
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COUNTY OF EL PASO            )       **EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE**  
  )       **AGREEMENT**

On this 1 day of **February, 2025**, this contract is entered into by and between the County of El Paso, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as “County” and Life Ambulance Service, Inc. hereinafter referred to as “Life Ambulance Service” witnessed:

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, emergency ambulance services, particularly in the unincorporated areas of El Paso County that lack urgent medical services within their geographic proximity, are critical and necessary in the provision of emergency equipment and personnel to address and urgent medical need and transport an individual to the nearest appropriate emergency care facility for treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §774.003(a), the Commissioners Court desires to exercise its authorize to provide for emergency ambulance service in the county, including provision of necessary equipment, personnel and maintenance for the service; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(2), Commissioners Court finds that Life Ambulance Service’s provision of life ambulance services in the County is necessary to preserve and protect the public health and safety of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to properly provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens in the critical area of emergency medical care, it is of the utmost importance to the County that it ensure that at all times during the term of this Agreement, Life Ambulance Service, a contractor Commissioners Court finds is suitably organized to provide efficient ambulance services in the County, adheres, without deviation, to such specifications pursuant to this Agreement and that Life Ambulance Service fully performs its obligations pursuant to this Agreement in a timely manner;

**WHEREAS**, for the reasons stated, both Parties acknowledge that it is both prudent and appropriate that this Agreement contain provisions providing for severe and immediate remedies for the County if Life Ambulance Service fails to adhere to the specifications in this Agreement or if Life Ambulance Service breaches any of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, incorporating the foregoing recitals by reference, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

**I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICE.**

The County does hereby retain Life Ambulance Service, and Life Ambulance Service does hereby agree to provide emergency ambulance services to those persons of El Paso County, Texas

("Clients"), requiring such service in the area of the County of El Paso outside the incorporated area of the City of El Paso, except for the area known as Transmountain and the wilderness area associated with it ("Transmountain Area"). Life Ambulance Service will be available to provide emergency ambulance services to Clients "Full Time," defined as 365 days a year for 24 hours a day.

The covered area measures approximately 764 square miles and has a population of approximately 177,842. This service shall be subject to the terms and upon the conditions herein stated, and Life Ambulance agrees to maintain a Full-Time dispatch center at its principal offices located at 5720 Trowbridge, Suite B, El Paso, Texas (Also known as Station #4). Further, the County does hereby retain Life Ambulance Service, and Life Ambulance Service does hereby agree to provide Full Time back-up emergency ambulance service anywhere in El Paso County in the event of a disaster, or in the event the Sheriff of El Paso County requests back-up emergency ambulance service.

## **II. GEOGRAPHICAL EXTENT OF SERVICES.**

Life Ambulance Service agrees to provide emergency ambulance service to the area of all of El Paso County outside the incorporated area of the City of El Paso, except for Transmountain Area. Life Ambulance Service will not provide emergency ambulance service to the City of Socorro and Town of Horizon City as part of this Agreement. This section is not intended to preclude the City of Socorro and the Town of Horizon City from directly contracting for services with any ambulance services vendor.

## **III. DESTINATION.**

Life Ambulance Service agrees to transport any Client from the Client's location to the nearest appropriate emergency care facility for treatment. However, it is agreed that Life Ambulance Service is not required to transport any Client outside of the geographical limits of El Paso County or to operate its equipment in any manner outside of El Paso County boundaries; but Life Ambulance Service may, from time to time, elect to voluntarily provide such service.

## **IV. UNITS.**

Vehicles and equipment will comply with Texas Administrative Code, Health Services Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Care Emergency Medical Services Provider Licenses Requirements, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 157.11 ("25 TAC § 157.11). Life Ambulance Service will also be required to comply with all updates to 25 TAC § 157.11 and any other applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and ordinances.

Life Ambulance Service agrees to provide a sufficient number of ambulances to adequately cover the County to satisfy the response requirements of the Agreement. All units will be a Type I, Type II or Type III ambulance, as described in the General Services Administration revised Federal Specification for the "Star of Life Ambulance"(KKK-A 1822E) when purchasing used or refurbished units or (KKK-A 1822F) with Change Notice 10 (July 1,2017) for new ambulances, at

its option, to be stationed at all times at its principal office in El Paso, Texas or at various remote locations situated for the purpose of improved response times and subject to relocation depending on call density. All units on assignment will be manned by a two-member crew at all times during the term of this Agreement.

Current remote locations outside the City of El Paso are as follows:

**Existing Stations:**

Station #1 7672 Doniphan, Canutillo 79835  
Station #2 131 Passmore, Socorro 79927  
Station #3 217 W. Main, Fabens 79836  
Station #5 100 Elsworth, Horizon 79938  
Station #6 14636 Montana

These station locations may change based on call density report and other considerations, as long as the locations remain outside the city limits of El Paso and in locations reasonably designed to minimize response times. Life Ambulance shall provide the County written notice of a relocation of a remote location noted above within thirty (30) calendar days of the relocation.

**V. TERM.**

The initial term of the agreement shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2025, and shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2027 (“Initial Term”). Upon mutual agreement of the Parties, the Agreement may be renewed for additional three (3) year terms following the expiration of the Initial Term.

**VI. PERSONNEL.**

Life Ambulance personnel will comply with 25 TAC § 157.11, as amended, and will also be required to comply with all updates to 25 TAC § 157.11 and any other applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and ordinances, as may be amended.

At all times, Life Ambulance agrees to staff its principal offices Full Time with no less than one (1) dispatcher and to have at least one (1) mechanic on call. At all times, Life Ambulance Service agrees to staff all units with adequately trained and qualified personnel.

**Required minimum Staffing:**

- (1) Basic Life Support (“BLS”) – when response-ready or in-service – two emergency care attendants (“ECA”)
- (2) BLS with Advance Life Support (“ALS”) capability – when response-ready or in-service below ALS – two ECAs. Full ALS status becomes active when staffed by at least an emergency medical technician (“EMT”)-Intermediate and at least an EMT.

- (3) BLS with Mobile Intensive Care Unit (“MICU”) capability – when response-ready or in-service below MICU – two (2) ECAs. Full MICU status becomes active when staffed by at least a certified or licensed paramedic and at least an EMT.
- (4) ALS – when response-ready or in-service – one (1) EMT-Intermediate and one (1) EMT
- (5) ALS with MICU capability – when response-ready or in-service below MICU – one (1) EMT-Intermediate and one (1) EMT. Full MICU status becomes active when staffed by at least a certified or licensed paramedic and at least an EMT.
- (6) MICU – when response-ready or in-service – one (1) certified or licensed paramedic and one (1) EMT.
- (7) Specialized – when response-ready or in-service – two (2) certified or licensed personnel, certification or licensure level determined by the type and application of the vehicle and approved by the medical director.
- (8) As justified by patient needs, providers may utilize appropriately certified and/or licensed medical personnel in addition to those, which are required by their designation levels. In addition to the care rendered by the required staff, the provider shall be accountable for care rendered by any additional personnel.

**All employees or independent contractors of Life Ambulance Service must:**

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Have not been convicted of a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude within the past five (5) years;
- (3) If a driver, have not had any license for the operation of motor vehicle suspended or revoked within the last five (5) years;
- (4) If a driver, be the holder of a current Texas State Class C license;
- (5) If an attendant, be a State of Texas registered emergency care attendant or higher classification as recognized by the State of Texas;
- (6) Have a certificate of health executed by a physician license to practice medicine in the State of Texas showing that the individual is free of contagious or communicable disease and, if a driver, free of any color blindness or any disability which would impair this ability to safely operate a vehicle;
- (7) If a driver, participate in an accredited defensive driving class within six (6) months of the date of hire and every two (2) years thereafter;

- (8) Participate in "in-service-training" which includes current emergency medical procedures.

Life Ambulance Service agrees to maintain a current list of employees and independent contractors on file with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

## **VII. CONSIDERATION.**

In consideration for the rendition of the services described herein on the part of Life Ambulance Service, the County does hereby agree to pay the sum of \$33,921.00 per month. Said monthly sum shall be paid by the County upon receipt of a monthly invoice from Life Ambulance Service for the services rendered during the preceding month and the provision of any documentation requested by the County Auditor's Office. Life Ambulance agrees that it waives the right to receive reimbursement if it fails to submit an invoice to the County more than 90 calendar days beyond the last day of the month for which the invoice is for.

## **VIII. SERVICE FEES.**

As additional consideration for the services of Life Ambulance Service, Life Ambulance Service shall charge and collect a reasonable fee for the services rendered to the Clients of the emergency service.

Life Ambulance Service will be solely responsible for all collection efforts from the clients of their service and Life Ambulance Service shall utilize whatever means are properly at their disposal to collect such fees, so long as such means do not interfere with the prompt and effective delivery of service to its Clients.

## **IX. COMMUNICATION WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**

Life Ambulance Service agrees to maintain communication with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office or its designee at all times. Life Ambulance Service acknowledges and understands that the El Paso County Sheriff's Office is authorized and empowered by the County to deal directly with Life Ambulance Service in terms of calling for emergency service and in terms of interpreting the obligations of Life Ambulance Service in emergency or disaster situations.

## **X. DEFINITIVE CARE PROCEDURES.**

If used, definitive care procedures (including, but not limited to, IV, therapy, drug administration, cardiac defibrillation and endotracheal instrumentation) shall be pursuant to the Medical Protocol approved by the medical director of Life Ambulance Service. Life Ambulance Service shall have protocols approved by its medical director identifying procedures for each EMS certification or license level utilized by the provider. Protocols shall also address the use of non-EMS certified or licensed medical personnel who, in addition to the EMS staff, provide patient care on behalf of the provider and/or in the provider's EMS vehicles. Physicians, nurses, and other health care practitioners who regularly provide patient care in EMS vehicles shall be EMS



certified. The protocols shall address the use of all required, additional, and specialized medical equipment carried by any EMS vehicle in the provider's fleet. Protocols shall have an effective date and an expiration date, which corresponds to the effective and expiration dates of the provider's EMS license, and shall indicate specific applications including geographical area and duty status of personnel. For patient care reasons and with appropriate consideration from the medical director, a provider's protocols may be expanded or overridden by on-line medical control, off-line medical direction, or by patient-specific orders.

## **XI. RECORDS AND REPORTS.**

Life Ambulance Service agrees to maintain at its offices financial books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied throughout the terms of this Agreement; and also agrees to maintain adequate records on each response, including detailed information regarding Client condition, treatment, disposition, name, address, telephone number, and social security number of Client and responsible party, if available. Life Ambulance Service agrees to report quarterly on its operations to the El Paso County Commissioners Court at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. Said report shall include statistics on response times, number of calls, and location of calls.

## **XII. AUDITS.**

At any time the County, or its duly authorized representatives, shall have the right to enter the offices of Life Ambulance Service in order to inspect or audit financial books and records that pertain to the County. At such times, the County, or its duly authorized representatives, shall have the right to inspect any records it deems necessary and appropriate to conduct such an audit; including but not limited to: (i) all billings and invoices; (ii) all personal records; (iii) all equipment maintenance records; (iv) all bank account records; (v) all federal income tax returns; (vi) all State of Texas franchise tax returns; (vii) all payroll tax records; (viii) all correspondence files; and (ix) all accountant's work papers. The County shall have a right to copy, at its own expense, any records pertaining to County emergency business. The cost of any such audit shall be borne by the County unless a discrepancy of 3% or greater is found in total income, total expenses, or total cash flow items, in which case the cost of the audit shall be paid by Life Ambulance Service.

## **XIII. RESPONSE TIME.**

Life Ambulance Service agrees to respond to all calls and to transport all clients to their destination with as much speed as is reasonable and prudent under the prevailing conditions. Specifically, Life Ambulance Service agrees that the following average times for responding to calls will be met by Life Ambulance Service under most circumstances.

Upper Valley – 5-10 minutes on average  
Lower Valley – 8-13 minutes on average

### **Vehicles, Equipment and Supplies**

Equipment and supplies will be based on 25 TAC § 157.11. Life Ambulance Service shall maintain all equipment and supplies as required by Texas state law and regulation and medical protocol.

Vehicles shall exceed or meet national standards for Emergency Ambulance Service and be in sound mechanical condition and capable of passing Texas Safety Inspection at any time.

Type I, II or III vehicles as described in General Services Administration revised Federal Specification for the "Star of Life Ambulance" (KKK-A 1822E) when purchasing used or refurbished units or (KKK- A 1822F) with Change of Notice 10 (July 1, 2017) are the minimum standards.

#### **XIV. WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS.**

Life Ambulance Service warrants and represents that:

- (1) It has utilized its best efforts to ensure that all of its employees and independent contractors meet all of the qualifications contained in Article VI;
- (2) It will promptly terminate, suspend or remove from the position that requires the qualifications, any employee who does not meet the qualifications contained in Article VI. Further, it will immediately remove from the position of driver, any driver who is arrested, on or off duty, for driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of drugs;
- (3) It will promptly replace or repair any vehicle or equipment that is not in first class condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted;
- (4) It will cause its emergency ambulance service to be operated, at all times, in strict compliance with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and ordinances;
- (5) It will pay, in a timely fashion, all taxes and fees;
- (6) It will promptly deliver a certificate of insurance reflecting a minimum of one million (\$1,000,000) dollars in liability coverage to the Risk Manager of El Paso County;
- (7) The execution of this Agreement and the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement will not violate the terms of any other agreement;
- (8) It has reviewed this Agreement with its attorney and has been fully apprised of the legal effect of the terms and conditions of this Agreement;
- (9) All of the above warranties and representations are true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and will remain true and correct throughout the term of this Agreement.

#### **XV. INDEMNITY CLAUSE.**

**LIFE AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, INJURIES, OR LIABILITIES, HOWSOEVER CAUSED, ARISING FROM THE DEATH OF INJURY OF ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES OF LIFE AMBULANCE SERVICE OR FROM THE DAMAGES OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY PROPERTY OR PROPERTIES CAUSED BY OR CONNECTED WITH PERFORMANCE OF THIS**

## **AGREEMENT BY LIFE AMBULANCE SERVICE OR ITS AGENTS, SERVANTS, OR EMPLOYEES.**

### **XVI. DEFAULT.**

The occurrence of any of the following events (each, an “Event of Default”) constitutes an immediate breach of, and default under, this Agreement, entitling the County to exercise all rights and remedies specified in this Agreement and under all applicable laws:

- (1) Life Ambulance Service’s failure to pay any obligation it is required to pay by the terms of this Agreement;
- (2) Life Ambulance Service’s failure to fully and timely perform any of its obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement;
- (3) The insolvency, or transfer in fraud of creditors, or assignment for the benefit of creditors by Life Ambulance Service, or any of its Principals, defined as all officers and directors of Life Ambulance Service as well as any shareholder having a controlling ownership of Life Ambulance Service's outstanding capital stock;
- (4) The filing by Life Ambulance Service, or any of its Principals, of a petition for bankruptcy, or the adjudication of Life Ambulance Service, or any of its Principals, as bankrupt or insolvent in proceedings filed against Life Ambulance Service, or any of its Principals;
- (5) The appointment of a receiver for all or substantially all the assets of Life Ambulance Service or any of its Principals;
- (6) The transfer, conveyance, sale, gift or assignment by the Principals of Life Ambulance Service of ownership of any portion of the assets and business of Life Ambulance Service, except that the transfer of shares of the business between the Principals existing at the time of the execution of this Agreement is permitted;
- (7) The involuntary conveyance or transfer of ownership of any portion of the assets or business of Life Ambulance Service.

### **XVII. TERMINATION AND REMEDIES.**

Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default as described in Article XVI, the County may do anyone or more of the following without any notice or demand whatsoever;

- (1) Terminate this Agreement;
- (2) Proceed against Life Ambulance Service for monetary damages; a
- (3) Specifically enforce the provisions of this Agreement by means of a decree from a court of competent jurisdiction.

Absent an Event of Default, either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving ninety (90) days' written notice to terminate, or upon mutual consent. Both Parties shall cease to incur costs associated with this Agreement upon termination or receipt of written notice to terminate, whichever occurs first.

## **XVIII. NOTICES.**

Any notice required hereunder shall be deemed received by the party to be notified whenever a letter containing such notice is deposited with the United States Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested, with proper postage affixed thereto and addressed to the party to be notified in the following manner:

COUNTY:

County Judge  
500 E. San Antonio, Ste. 301  
El Paso, Texas 79901

With a Copy to:

Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator  
County Administration  
500 E. San Antonio, Room 302A  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
[bkeller@epcounty.com](mailto:bkeller@epcounty.com)

Sheriff  
El Paso County Sheriff's Office  
3850 Justice  
El Paso, Texas 79938

County Attorney  
El Paso County Attorney's Office  
320 S. Campbell St., Suite 200  
El Paso, Texas 79901

LIFE AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Life Ambulance Service, Inc.  
P.O. Box 26486  
El Paso, Texas 79926  
5720 Trowbridge, Suite B  
El Paso, Texas 79925

## **XIX. MISCELLANEOUS**

- (1) County is a tax-exempt political subdivision of the State of Texas that will not be liable for any taxes from which it is exempt.
- (2) Nothing referenced herein modifies or waives any sovereign immunity, lien or indemnity prohibition, defense, or limitation of liability enjoyed by County, its elected officials, or employees at common law or under other Texas law.
- (3) Life Ambulance Service acknowledges that funding to pay for support and services referenced herein is subject to annual appropriations by County's governing body, and any termination, liability, indemnity, other provision in the Terms to the contrary does not apply

to County. In the event such funds are not appropriated in any fiscal year for support and services, County Administration may terminate the agreement between the parties upon no less than 30 calendar days prior written notice without incurring any termination liability or penalty. Such termination will not affect County's obligation with respect to payment for satisfactory service or support received through the termination date.

- (4) The parties are not liable for delays in performance due to causes beyond their reasonable control. The parties are not liable under any circumstance for lost business/profits, indirect, consequential, liquidated, or punitive damages of any kind, under any theory of recovery even if the party is advised of the potential for any such damages, and a party shall be liable for direct damages only to the extent allowed by parties law and attributable to that party's gross negligence, willful, or intentional conduct.
- (5) County is subject to the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapters 551 and 552, respectively, which may require the disclosure of information despite any confidentiality or other provisions to the contrary in the Terms between the parties.
- (6) As concerns any payments and interest, the Texas Prompt Payment Act at Texas Government Code Sec. 225.001 et seq. applies to County and the Terms between the parties.
- (7) Life Ambulance Service is a company pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2270.001(2) and verifies it does not and will not boycott Israel as defined in Section 2270.00(1), for the duration of the Agreement.
- (8) The laws and remedies of the State of Texas apply the Terms between the parties, Texas choice of law or conflicts of law provisions notwithstanding. Venue is in El Paso County, Texas.
- (9) The experience, knowledge, capability and reputation of Life Ambulance Service, its principal and employees, were a substantial inducement for the County to enter this Agreement. Therefore, Life Ambulance Service shall not assign its obligations herein or contract with any other entity to perform in whole or in part the services required hereby without the express written approval of the County.
- (10) Life Ambulance Service shall keep the books and records necessary to perform the services required by this Agreement and allow the County to evaluate the same. The County shall have full and free access to such books and records at all times during normal business hours of County, including the right to inspect, copy, audit, and make records and transcripts of such records. Such records shall be maintained for a period of three (3) years following completion of services hereunder, and the County shall have access to such records in the event any audit is required.
- (11) Life Ambulance Service covenants that, by and for itself, its executors, assigns and all persons claiming under or through them, that there shall be no discrimination against or segregation of, any person or group of persons on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or ancestry in the performance of this Agreement.
- (12) This Agreement may be amended at any time by an instrument in writing signed by both parties.

- (13) Should a portion of this Agreement be declared invalid or unenforceable by a judgement or decree of a competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining portions of this Agreement which are hereby declared as severable and shall be interpreted to carry out the intent of the parties unless the invalid provision is so material that its invalidity deprives either party of the basic benefit of the bargain or renders this Agreement meaningless.
- (14) The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that such party is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said party.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this agreement.

**[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]**

**EL PASO COUNTY**

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Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to content:

Approved As To Legal Form Only:

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Betsy C. Keller, Chief Administrator

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Assistant County Attorney

**LIFE AMBULANCE SERVICE**

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Rachel B. Harracksingh, President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# COMMISSIONERS COURT CONTRACT FORM

## CONTRACT SUMMARY

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**PRIOR COURT ACTION:** N/A

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## BASIC CONTRACT DETAILS

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**CONTRACT NO.:** 2025-0077

**CONTRACT TITLE:** Emergency Ambulance Service Agreement / Yr 2025-2027

SECOND PARTY: Life Ambulance Service, Inc.  
CONTRACT TYPE: Services

## **TERM AND BUDGET DETAILS**

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TERM: 2 Years  
EXTENSION OPTIONS: Three 1 Year Options  
EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/1/2025  
MOD EFFECTIVE DATE (If Applicable):  
EXPIRATION DATE: 01/31/2027  
MOD EXPIRATION DATE (If Applicable):  
EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE (If Applicable):  
AMOUNT: 407052.00  
MOD AMOUNT (If Applicable):

## **APPROVALS**

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### **COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL**

The attached document has been given legal review by the El Paso County Attorney's Office on behalf of the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees. Said legal review should not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the County of El Paso, its officers, and employees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Ana Schumacher  
LEGAL REVIEW: Approved as to Form as Submitted  
LEGAL REVIEW NOTES (If Applicable):  
DATE: 1/27/2025

### **DIRECTOR/DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read the contract, understands and approves the contract terms and conditions and further certifies that the contract conforms to the bid specification, if any, and acknowledges that he/she is responsible for administering all terms and conditions.

DIRECTOR/DEPARTMENT HEAD/DESIGNEE: Betsy C. Keller  
DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Lorena Rodriguez  
DEPARTMENT: Office of the County Administrator  
DATE: 02/03/2025