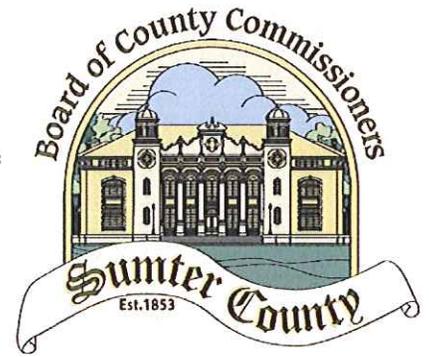


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Re: Letter of Protest filed by AMR
Sumter County Request for Proposal: RFP # 172-0-2010/AT
Emergency Ambulance Services

Dear Mr. Carmody:

As you are aware, I am the Assistant County Administrator and am acting in my capacity as the Sumter County Purchasing Agent for the purposes of the above Bid Protest. Please allow this correspondence to supplement the County Attorney, George Angeliadis' correspondence of March 1, 2011.

Sumter County ("County") has attempted to resolve the above protest by mutual agreement, pursuant to Florida Statute §120.57(3)(d)1, as well as Section 906 of Sumter County's Purchasing Policy, involving your client, American Medical Response, Inc. ("AMR"). I have determined that under the circumstances, neither of the options for mutual agreement presented by AMR are acceptable to the County.

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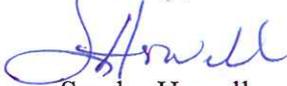
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Additionally, in accordance with Section 906 of the County's Purchasing Policy, this correspondence shall serve as my "final finding" regarding this matter. Specifically, after reviewing all of the documentation involved in this protest, including the documentation submitted by your office on behalf of AMR, I have determined that Rural/Metro Corporation of Florida, Inc. ("Rural") did not violate the County's Purchasing Policy with regard to the above-referenced RFP; consequently my "final finding" is to deny AMR's Bid Protest of the award in RFP # 172-0-2010/AT. The reasoning for behind my "final finding" is more specifically set forth in the County Attorney's correspondence of March 1, 2011. That reasoning is incorporated into this letter of "final finding", as if it were fully restated herein.

On Friday, March 4, 2011, I will begin the process of transmitting this matter to the Florida Department of Administrative Hearings, pursuant to Florida Statute, §120.57(3), and request any and all relief available to Sumter County under the law, unless I am otherwise advised in writing of AMR's withdrawal of its bid protest in RFP # 172-0-2010/AT.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sandra Howell
Assistant County Administrator
Acting Purchasing Director
Sumter County, Florida

Cc: Honorable Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
George G. Angeliadis, County Attorney