



Request for Qualifications

Project Title: Medical Director Services for Jasper County Fire Rescue

RFQ Number: 2021-RFQ-1

Deadline: July 17, 2020, 5:00 PM.

Location: Jasper County Government Bldg.
358 Third Avenue, Suite 304
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Description of Project: Jasper County is soliciting qualification statements from medical professionals who wish to provide medical director services to the Fire Rescue Division.

Department Overview:

Jasper County Fire Rescue provides pre-hospital advanced life support transport services to all residents and visitors in the County over 650 square miles, including 33 miles of interstate highway. In addition, basic life support is provided by all career staffed fire apparatus in the unincorporated areas of the County. The department responds to approximately 3,500 medical calls annually. The department is also looking to expand its services through a Community Paramedic program at some point in the future.

At minimum, proposals shall include the following:

1. Description of Professional Qualifications:

To be considered as “Qualified”, respondents must possess the following professional credential;

- A. Current license to practice medicine in South Carolina and knowledge of EMS laws in South Carolina.

The following are Preferred Qualifications;

- B. Board Certified in Emergency Medicine, or hold current provider certification in;
 - a. Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)
 - b. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
 - c. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or Pediatric Education for Pre-Hospital Providers (PEPP)

Respondents must also;

- A. Acquire and maintain Medical Malpractice Insurance in sufficient amounts to cover any medical claims arising out of respondent's role as EMS-MD, and provide proof of such coverage upon request by the County, and
- B. Indemnify and hold the County harmless for any medical claims arising out of Respondents medical advice, diagnosis, and patient treatment as the County EMS-MD, and
- C. Acquire all licensing required for service as the County EMS-MD, including a County occupational/business regulatory license.
- D. Attend the South Carolina DHEC EMS Medical Director Training.

2. Services

The qualified respondent selected to serve as Medical Director, will be required to perform and be responsible for the following services;

- A. Develop standing protocols for emergency medical functions prior to initial training sessions in accordance with South Carolina statutes.
- B. In conjunction with department staff, perform periodic reviews of existing protocols to ensure conformity with the latest, evidence based, best practices for providing pre-hospital emergency medical care and services and issue updated protocols as needed.
- C. Act as a consultant for and provide assistance related to any medical issue or policy making involving Jasper County Fire Rescue.
- D. Review a minimum of 10% of EHR's monthly, including any targeted reviews
- E. Provide nine (9) hours of continuing education semi-annually to department personnel
- F. Attend bi-monthly quality assurance meetings (remotely)
- G. Have an Associate physician that can serve in a back-up capacity as the agency Medical Director and meets the requirements in Section 1.

3. **Rates and Fees:** Current annual fee requirements shall be submitted with the RFQ.

4. **Evaluation/Selection Criteria:** A selection committee will evaluate the information submitted and may select three finalists for interviews. The following criteria shall be used to evaluate each firm:

Respondents qualifications will be assessed based on the following criteria;

- A. Amount of experience, in years, as a Physician.
- B. Amount of experience, in years, in Emergency Medicine.
- C. Amount of experience, in years, as an ALS Medical Director.
- D. Stated Vision for the improvement and advancement of pre-hospital emergency medical care.
- E. Results of reference inquiries.

5. Submission Requirements:

- A. A statement of interest to include the respondents contact information, a listing of experience as outlined in Section 1, and a brief overview of respondents' thoughts

- and views for how to advance the mission of EMS and improve pre-hospital patient care.
- B. A resume outlining the respondents educational background and experience, work background and experience and any prior experience as an ALS Medical Director or in providing pre-hospital emergency medical care.
 - C. Two (2) professional and two (2) personal character references that can be contacted by the review committee.

 - D. Submit three (3) copies of each.

All RFQ submissions and/or inquiries related to this RFQ are to be directed, in writing, to the following;

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