

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT SERVICES

SELECTION COMMITTEE A/E/CS/SC

Thursday, August 30, 2007

MINUTES

Department of Health (DOH): (9:36 a.m.)

Single Source Request – Health Volunteer System Design & Implementation

Voting Members: L. DeQuattro, J. Higgins, D. Reavey

Cost: \$242,840

C. Daniel, D. Reavey, and A. Cirillo represented the Agency.

Dr. Anthony Cirillo, Chief of the Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response, noted that this is a single source request to assist the Agency to support and develop a program to coordinate health care volunteers during a public health emergency. This program builds upon federal grant funding that the Agency has received. There are three federal programs in the area of coordination of volunteers. The Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. (RI DMAT) is a Level One federal medical response team of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) who also manages the RI Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), so they are uniquely positioned to create the capability to incorporate the third program, *RI Responds*, which is the state's Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP).

Mr. DeQuattro introduced a discussion about the single source request, and the fact that the Agency has presented other single/sole requests for RI DMAT. Ms. Reavey stated that this is a fairly new area, especially to Rhode Island, and there is not a great deal of expertise available. Dr. Cirillo added that the previous requests have been for the purpose of providing medical/surgical capability to give RI DMAT a cache of equipment that would remain within the state, and not be taken out of state should RI DMAT be federally deployed. He further added that there are companies who can provide off-the-shelf products for health care volunteer registration; however, this would result in competing systems containing dual registrations.

Recommendation: Upon a motion made by Mr. DeQuattro, seconded by Mr. Higgins and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Architectural/ Engineering/ Consultant Services Selection Committee (A/E/CS/SC) accepts the recommendation of the Department of Health, as approved by the Director, and sends forward to the Director of Administration for her consideration the name of RI Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc., on a single source basis. (9:44 a.m.)

Supporting documentation is on file at the Division of Purchases.