

B. Proposal Evaluation

The MVEMSA will establish a non-biased Proposal Review Committee (PRC) which will evaluate responsive proposals based on the criteria specified in the solicitation. The committee may then recommend one or more top-ranked Proposers for final negotiation of contract terms or may invite one or more Proposers for oral presentations and demonstrations. After evaluating presentations, the committee may recommend one or more top-ranked Proposers for final contract term.

C. Determination of Responsibility

MVEMSA will make a determination of the responsibility of any Proposer under consideration for award, taking into consideration matters such as the Proposer's compliance with public policy and laws, past performance, fiscal responsibility, financial and technical resources, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily carry out its responsibilities. MVEMSA will notify any Proposer in writing what was found non-responsive and allow the finding to be contested.

2.9 CONTRACT AWARD

A. Notice of Intent to Award

Once a decision has been made to award a contract to one or more Proposers, MVEMSA will post a Notice of Intent to Award, notifying the remaining Proposers of their non-selection.

Contract negotiations are neither an offer nor an implicit guarantee that a contract will be executed. Award, if made, will be to the responsive, responsible Proposer offering the overall best value to the County for the services and goods described in this solicitation, or as applicable, for a specific portion of the services and goods described. Any agreement reached will be memorialized in a formal agreement using the attached Standard Agreement template.

B. Commencement of Performance

After all parties have signed the Agreement, MVEMSA will notify the Proposer and performance may proceed. Prior to MVEMSA execution of the Agreement, no MVEMSA employee may authorize work. Any work performed prior to that time may be uncompensated.

2.10 PROTESTS

Protests that do not comply with the protest procedures outlined below will be rejected.

A. Protest Eligibility, Format, and Address

- (1) Objections to RFP requirements may be filed prior to May 6, 2019. Objections regarding the content of any addenda must be filed within 5 days of the addenda being issued.
- (2) Protests regarding the procurement process or the notice of intent to award must be filed prior to contract award.
- (3) MVEMSA will only review protests submitted by an interested party, defined as an actual or prospective Proposer whose direct economic interest could be affected by MVEMSA's conduct of the solicitation.
- (4) Submit protests to Lance Doyle, Executive Director (StanRFP@mvemsa.com), Mountain-Valley EMS Agency 1101 Standiford Ave., Suite D1 Modesto, CA 95350.
- (5) Protest not resolved at this level maybe appealed to a higher-level authority by going to the MVEMSA Board of Director member unaffiliated with Stanislaus County.

B. Protest Deadlines

Submit protests with any supplemental materials by 1 p.m. PST, as appropriate, on the deadlines set forth on page 2 of this RFP. The date and time of filing is the date MVEMSA receives the protest.