

AGENDA DATE: August 29, 2006



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AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO. _____
Countywide

SUBJECT:

Approval and award of a three-year contract with MV Transportation, Inc., for management and operation of Tulare County Area Transit services.

REQUEST(S):

Approve and award the contract with MV Transportation, Inc., and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement, effective October 1, 2006.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Area Transit (TCAT) public transit system was initiated by the County of Tulare in 1981. The transit system provides transit services between, in, and around various cities and communities within the County. These services include rural fixed routes (with route deviation) and local dial-a-ride (demand response).

Since its inception, the County has contracted management and operation services for TCAT. In the past, Trans West Specialties has been the sole provider.

The maximum contract reimbursement for fiscal year 2005/06 was \$606,031. The current agreement expired June 30, 2006. In accordance with contract provisions, staff extended the contract for three months, in order to keep it valid during ongoing negotiations.

A competitive Request For Proposals process (RFP) was conducted. The following five firms attended a pre-proposal meeting:

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| (1) MV Transportation, Inc. | (4) Transportation Concepts |
| (2) Laidlaw Transit Services | (5) Trans West Specialties |
| (3) Sierra Management | |

Of these, the County received two proposals for transit services:

- (1) MV Transportation Inc.
- (2) Sierra Management

Trans West Specialties respectfully declined to respond to the proposal, and stated that it was looking forward to continued management and operation of TCAT through the transition period.

A professional panel interviewed the two firms noted above and reviewed their proposals. The proposal submitted by MV Transportation, Inc., was found to be the unanimous panel choice as the most cost-effective, while meeting all requirements of the RFP.

Staff recommends selecting MV Transportation, Inc., as the most cost-effective and responsive bidder.

FINANCING:

The maximum reimbursement for each of the following fiscal years is shown below:

2006/07	\$560,872
2007/08	\$797,541
2008/09	\$868,048

It should be noted that the amount for fiscal year 2006/07 is based on the agreement commencing on October 1, 2006 (only a portion of that fiscal year). The other two costs are projections by MV Transportation, Inc.

The maximum reimbursement amount of \$560,872 under this agreement for fiscal year 2006/07 is included in the Transit Budget under account number 040-220-2100-2150. This figure was derived using the following cost factors:

Fixed-monthly cost to administer services	\$ 24,684.00
Cost per mile	\$ 0.1377
Cost per hour	\$ 15.14

Actual annual costs will depend on services provided. In accordance with contract provisions, the County will collect all fares.

The primary source of revenue will be Tulare County's Transportation Development Act Fund allocation. The City of Lindsay will contribute \$36,890 in Local Transportation Funds to the County for fiscal year 2006/07.

ALTERNATIVES:

Reject all bidders, and direct staff to repeat the RFP process. This could leave the County without enough time to repeat the RFP process.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County Counsel has reviewed the Agreement.
Risk Management reviewed the liability protection.
The City of Lindsay will contribute to the funding of services.


SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign each of six copies of the Agreement.
County Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or authorized Deputy to attest to the Resolution.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN OFF:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Jean Brou
Assistant Director - Transportation



Henry Hash, Director

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL AND)	
AWARD OF A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT)	RESOLUTION NO.
WITH MV TRANSPORTATION, INC.,)	AGREEMENT NO.
FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF)	
TULARE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT SERVICES)	

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY

SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 29, 2006, BY THE
FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy

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