

Q&A

General RFP Questions

G1 – Q – Page 10, Section 3.1, A, 4, a, 2. Nationally registered to the minimum standards set forth above. Do the Paramedics need to be nationally and/or Oregon registered?

G1 – A – All personnel must meet the requirements of ORS.682.017 to 682.991 and OAR 333.250.0048. In this case because the personnel will be operating in Oregon so they will need to be registered in Oregon. Those that are nationally registered will need to submit an application for licensure to the Oregon Health Authority. Should they continue to be nationally registered is up to the provider.

G2 – Q – Page 11, Section 3.1, A, 4, e. Conduct and Appearance. Could you elaborate on the part that the uniform that is distinctly different from Fire and Police Department uniforms?

G2 – A – If the EMS services are not provided by a Fire Department then the uniform should be different to help the public distinguish the differences between those (Fire, Law Enforcement, EMS) that provide services to the community.

G3 – Q – Section 3.1, A, 2 Vehicles. Could you describe the current ambulances being used.

G3 – A – Baker City Fire Department currently uses 4x4, 1 ton, pickup chassis vehicles.

Questions Pertaining to the Baker ASA RFP

B1 – Q – Page 6, Section 2.1.1. Related to the “city/county” transport volume information provided on page 6, are these the total transports for both the Baker and Huntington ASAs? Does this include other ASAs in Baker County? (The same information is provided in both the Baker and Huntington RFPs.)

B1 – A – This information pertains mainly to the Baker ASA. There would be some calls to the Huntington ASA that Baker City Fire Department responded to and would be included in these numbers. In the RFP for the Huntington ASA on page 5, the Huntington Fire Department responded to 81 medical calls for 2021. Some of these Baker City Fire Department responded to as a transporting agency and would be included in the numbers found on page 6 of the Baker ASA RFP. However, there are times that Lifelight and Treasure Valley Paramedics responded for these calls and those numbers would be included in the Huntington numbers and not Baker’s numbers.

B2 – Q – Page 7, Section 2.1.2. Are the Baker ASA and Huntington ASA RFPs inclusive of the Richland and Halfway-Oxbow ASA?

B2 – A – No, the Richland ASA currently has a pre-hospital care transporting service as does the Halfway-Oxbow ASA.

B3 – Q – Page 9, Section 3.1, A, 2, c. Back-Up Vehicle. The RFP requires a backup ambulance available within 30 minutes. Is the backup ambulance required to have the markings "Baker EMS" displayed?

B3 – A – As found in Section 3.1, A, 2, b. Primary Vehicles and Staffing “Final language will be decided during contract negotiations.” The backup ambulance and the discussion of the markings should be discussed during contract negotiations.

B4 – Q – Page 13, Section 3.1, B, 2. Special Events. Is the vendor able to invoice ordering parties for standby services outside of the county requests which will be provided at no charge per the RFP?

B4 – A – While not specifically address some of this response is covered on page 9, b. Primary vehicles and Staffing – “If the provider desires to provide inter-facility, other patient transfer service, or event stand-by services, they must provide additional ambulance(s) and personnel for those services.” The intent of this RFP is to ensure there are (a minimum) of two ambulances available immediately for pre-hospital care. In some instances, it could make sense to station an ambulance near an event were a medical call is likely as long as it were available to respond (in a reasonable time) to a different call if needed. In standby services there are times that the event would have to stop operations if the ambulance were needed to respond to another location and this would be something that would need to be considered. Should the provider wish to provide standby services they may do so and invoice the ordering parties as long as it does not take away the minimum service.

B5 – Q – Page 13, Section 3.1, C, 2. Rates. Can Baker County provide the current schedule of rates from the current provider, including the scheduled rate increase structure?

FIRE DEPARTMENT FEES	AUTHORITY	FEE AMOUNT
Medical unit standby per hour	Ord. 3297	\$125
EMT standby per hour	Ord. 3297	\$25 per hour or portion thereof + actual labor cost
Additional mileage charge if outside City limits	Ord. 3297	\$22 per mile
Firemed Rates		
Ground transport annual membership	Ord. 3297	\$50
Ambulance Rates		
Residents of Baker City- basic life support (BLS) transport	Ord. 3297	\$1,079.00
Residents of Baker City - advanced life support (ALS) transport	Ord. 3297	\$1,550.00
Non-resident rate - basic life support (BLS) transport	Ord. 3297	\$2,144.00
Non-resident rate - advanced life support (ALS) transport	Ord. 3297	\$2,550.00
Mileage charge	Ord. 3297	\$22 per mile

Extrication charge	Ord. 3297	\$300
IV	Ord. 3297	\$125
Oxygen	Ord. 3297	\$35 per hour
Medication - 4 or less	Ord. 3297	\$50 per each medication
Medication - 5 or more	Ord. 3297	75 per each medication over 4
Disposable supplies – BLS	Ord. 3297	\$100
Disposable supplies – ALS	Ord. 3297	\$150
Lift assistance (commercial only)	Ord. 3297	\$100
Extra attendant (EMT) if medically necessary during transport	Ord. 3297	\$150
Response with helicopter transport or treat and release (per policy):		
City resident City	Charter	\$350
Non resident City	Charter	\$625

Questions Pertaining to the Huntington ASA RFP

H1 – Q – Page 6 | Section 2.1.1. Related to the “city/county” transport volume information provided on page 6, are these the total transports for both the Baker and Huntington ASAs? Does this include other ASAs in Baker County? (The same information is provided in both the Baker and Huntington RFPs.)

H1 – A – In the Huntington ASA RFP Section 2.1.1 starts on page 4 and continues onto page 5. Also see (B1 – A) response for additional information but for the Huntington ASA specifically on page 5 “The following information was provided through reviewing Baker County Dispatch data for 2021. The Huntington Fire Department responded to 81 medical calls.” The Huntington Fire Department is a quick response unit that responds to all medical calls and has been a great community partner in doing all that they can for their community while Baker County tries to find a transporting service.

H2 – Q – Page 6, Section 2.1.2. Are the Huntington ASA and Baker ASA RFPs inclusive of the Richland and Halfway-Oxbow ASA?

H2 – A – No, the Richland ASA currently has a pre-hospital care transporting service as does the Halfway-Oxbow ASA.

H3 – Q – Page 8, Section 3.1, A, 2, c. Back-Up Vehicle. The RFP requires a backup ambulance available within 30 minutes. Is the backup ambulance required to have the same markings as the primary ambulance?

H3 – A – As found in Section 3.1, A, 2, b. Primary Vehicles and Staffing “Final language will be decided during contract negotiations.” The backup ambulance and the discussion of the markings should be discussed during contract negotiations. As the Huntington ASA is a smaller ASA it would be difficult to have a specific back-up vehicle with the same lettering. In the RFP it is also stated that the back-up ambulance could be “through a mutual aid agreement as agreed upon by the County and the Vendor”.

H4 – Q – Page 12, Section 3.1, C, 2. Rates. Can Baker County provide the current schedule of rates from the current provider, including the scheduled rate increase structure?

H4 – A – The Huntington ASA currently does not have a transporting service with a rate schedule. They rely upon mutual aid from Baker City Fire Department, Treasure Valley Paramedics, and Lifeflight. For Baker City Fire Department rate schedule please see (B5 – A).