

January 25, 2010

To: Prospective Consultants
Fire & Emergency Medical Services Study

Dear Prospective Consultant:

The Cities of Hailey and Bellevue, and the Wood River Fire Protection District, which serves the unincorporated areas around these two cities within Blaine County, all lie within a portion of the Blaine County Ambulance District. These entities are interested in seeking the service of a fire and emergency medical services consultant. Attached you will find a Request for Proposal, to which we invite your response. We encourage you to forward this correspondence on to peers who may be interested in responding as well.

The Blaine County Ambulance District currently contracts with the Wood River Fire Protection District to provide emergency medical transport and paramedic service within all the above entities. Hailey Fire also provides first responder medical response services. Both cities and WR Fire Protection District offer fire suppression services within their own jurisdictions. These three jurisdictions currently assist one another through mutual aid agreements.

Hailey's population is approximately 8000, Bellevue's 2300, and the WR Fire Protection District's 5000, all within an area of approximately 150 square miles.

The objective of the study is to assess the most efficient and cost effective mode of operation for fire and emergency medical services at an acceptable level of service to all, which would include the funding of capital improvements or specialized equipment, based on the regional and individually required needs of the jurisdictions involved. The study should address at least four alternatives: 1) an evaluation of the status quo against two alternate scenarios: 2) a single fire service provider, or 3) a continued separation of entities with significantly more robust operational agreements. We expect the consultant to compare these three models to a fourth 4) model of the consultant's choice, based on the consultant's findings and knowledge.

Questions about the RFP should be addressed to the fire chiefs of involved jurisdictions. Proposals may be sent via electronic mail to these same three contacts. We thank you in advance for your interest in this project.

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