

**RESOLUTION 24R-06-96**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL APPROVING THE RANKING OF QUALIFIED FIRMS PURSUANT TO RFP #2022-024 FOR EMS AMBULANCE BILLING AND ELECTRONIC PCR SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT TO BE PAID FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET CODE NUMBER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY CITY MANAGER, DESORAE GILES-SMITH)**

WHEREAS, the City previously ranked and awarded the contract for EMS Ambulance Billing and Electronic PCR services for the Fire Rescue Department to Change Health in accordance with RFP #2022-024; and

WHEREAS, Change Health was subsequently acquired by Optum and became known as Change Health Care Part of Optum; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2024 Optum f/k/a Change Health suffered a security breach and went offline and stopped conducting any EMS billing for the City of Lauderhill Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, despite numerous representations that they would be back up and running, after many months they have still failed to do so; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their default under the terms of services the City of Lauderhill terminated the contract with Optum f/k/a Change Health; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the default of the first ranked qualified firm, the City now wishes to negotiate with the second ranked qualified firm, Digitech Computer, LLC. in order to get the outstanding EMS billing current and to continue to provide timely services in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

**SECTION 1.** The second ranked firm of Digitech Computer, LLC in accordance with RFP 2022-024 is approved to be negotiated with to provide EMS Ambulance Billing and Electronic PCR Services for the City of Lauderhill Fire Rescue Department as has become necessary due to the default of the first ranked qualified firm Change Health n/k/a Optum.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager, or any designee thereof, to negotiate an agreement with the second ranked selected firm, Digitech Computer, LLC, to provide EMS Ambulance Billing and Electronic PCR Services for the City of Lauderhill Fire Rescue Department pursuant to RFP #2022-024. If an

agreement cannot be reached with the second selected firm, then the City Manager, or her designee, shall attempt to negotiate an agreement with the next highest ranked firm, or go out to re-bid if no other firms are ranked, until all services are under contract.

SECTION 3. Approving payment as necessary from the appropriate Budget Code Number.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

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