

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program) and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement) with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, which provides the option for the City of Bellevue to participate in intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid during times of emergency or disaster.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of Bellevue has an existing Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC and PNEMA with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, that is due to expire on September 30, 2020. This Resolution provides authorization to approve the continuation of this contract through July 22, 2025. There are no measurable changes between the expired agreement and this agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9821

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

EMAC is a nationally adopted state-to-state mutual aid compact that legally establishes a national system to facilitate the sharing of resources across state lines when the governor of the impacted state has declared an emergency and is the primary resource provider when federal support is not warranted. The PNEMA mirrors this mission with the facilitation of the efficient and effective sharing of resources between member jurisdictions within the state of Washington. The City entered into a previous and now expired EMAC intergovernmental agreement in 2005 specifically to support recovery efforts to Hurricane Katrina's devastating impact on the Gulf Coast.

Washington State Emergency Management Division (WA EMD) coordinates interstate mutual aid according to the model presented in the National Strategy for Homeland Security. EMAC, Chapter 38.10 RCW, and Public Law 104-321, authorize and direct the deployment of certain necessary mutual aid between the EMAC participants, who are currently all fifty states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. PNEMA and Public Law 105-381 authorize and direct the deployment of certain necessary mutual aid between the PNEMA participants, who are currently the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, the Canadian Province of British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory.

The Agreement provides for the use of authorized resources including employees and equipment of the City of Bellevue in responding to requests for EMAC or PNEMA assistance from a participating party in which EMD has identified authorized resources of the City that are qualified and

immediately available to deploy and perform the requested EMAC or PNEMA assistance for a requesting participating party.

In addition to supporting a responsive and straightforward mutual aid system for sharing resources, the EMAC/PNEMA agreement provides participating agencies:

- Immunity and tort protection;
- Workers Compensation; and
- Professional license reciprocity.

The Agreement is not an authorization to deploy. EMAC and PNEMA deployment of the City's resources under the agreement would only be authorized as mutually executed by the parties. Once signed, the agreement would be valid through July 22, 2025.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

RCW 39.34.080 requires contracts between one or more other public agencies performing governmental services or activities entering into the contract to be authorized by the governing body of each party of the contract.

This agreement addresses the strategic target area of Council's adopted vision, regional leadership and influence as well as City Council 2018-2020 Priority #17 of the list of Three-Year Priorities by providing emergency assistance to other government entities.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Pursuant to the Agreement, authorized resources including employees and equipment of the City could be deployed to provide EMAC or PNEMA assistance. The City would be reimbursed for authorized costs incurred as a result of authorized resource deployment as provided in the Agreement.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Program) and PNEMA (Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement) with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, which provides the option for the City of Bellevue to participate in intrastate and state-to-state mutual aid during times of emergency or disaster.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

Proposed Resolution No. 9821

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

Contract – COB EMAC\_PANEMA\_ILA\_ 2020\_2025