## Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

## 2021-05

## **Recommendation of the Putnam County Community Transportation Coordinator**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) is the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA) for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Putnam County, and as part of its statutory duty must recommend the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Putnam County to the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD); and

WHEREAS, the DOPA is required to conduct a competitive procurement process for the Community Transportation Coordinator every five years; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the current CTC and the CTD expires on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the NEFRC Purchasing Guide, in instances where the services to be provided are particularly complex or where highly technical skills are required NEFRC may use a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Where only one timely, responsive and qualified respondent is identified in the RFQ process, NEFRC may enter into sole-source contract negotiations with that respondent without the need for a Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, NEFRC issued a RFQ for CTC services, and The Ride Solution, Inc. responded; and

WHEREAS, a Selection Committee including NEFRC staff and staff from another DOPA found The Ride Solution, Inc. to be the only respondent that was responsive and qualified, and recommends that they be given another five year contract by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Local Coordinating Board was informed of this recommendation and indicated its enthusiastic support of The Ride Solution, Inc. as the CTC; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northeast Florida Regional Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged that The Ride Solution, Inc. be re-designated as the Community Transportation Coordinator for Putnam County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the fourth day of March 2021.

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CEO