



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2045, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

6/8/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for helicopter parts with Airbus Helicopters Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$825,000.

[Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$275,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide helicopter parts for the Austin Police Department (APD) Air Support Unit's Airbus helicopters. The Air Support Unit uses the helicopters in routine traffic operations, search and rescue missions, fire suppression, special events, and in response to critical incidents within the Austin and Capital Area Council of Governments service area. The parts will be used by Air Support's in-house Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified mechanics to complete required maintenance, repairs, and inspections. The parts must comply with the helicopter's original equipment manufacturer publications and FAA regulations. Airbus is the only authorized North American source to supply all the necessary helicopter parts.

This contract will replace a contract which expired on May 23, 2023. The requested authorization amounts for this contract were determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the helicopters may be grounded and unusable, impacting the City's efficiency and limit availability to assist in life safety aviation operations.

