



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2245, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

7/20/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for an overhauled helicopter engine with Safran Helicopter Engines USA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$956,746.

[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 is available from the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Police Federal Department of Treasury Asset Forfeiture Fund of the Austin Police Department.

### **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](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract is for the purchase of an overhauled Arriel 2D turbine helicopter engine in exchange for Austin Police Department's (APD) life-limited turbine engine. APD operates an Airbus H125 (AS350b3e) helicopter fitted with a Safran Arriel 2D turbine engine. Manufacturer specifications, federal guidelines, and aviation insurance requirements mandate that helicopter engines must be overhauled after logging a specific number of flight hours. APD is now required to conduct a 5,000-hour engine overhaul to remain in compliance with these standards.

There are no other Federal Aviation Administration authorized repair centers within the United States qualified to provide all aspects on an engine overhaul other than Safran Helicopter Engines USA, Inc. All manuals and technical documentation required to perform engine overhauls are proprietary to Safran Helicopter Engines USA, Inc.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, APD will be required to discontinue flying the H125 helicopter once the engine reaches 5,000 operating hours, significantly impacting the City's efficiency and availability to provide critical public safety aviation operations.