



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 9/10/2024

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WS1240118585 - Helicopter Pilot and Mechanic Training (MD Helicopters, LLC) - MOTION

Agenda Item#: 10.

Summary:

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APPROVE Spending Authority for professional helicopter pilot and maintenance training services with **MD HELICOPTERS, LLC.** for the Houston Police Department - \$132,336.00 - Police Special Services Fund

Background:

P33-WS1240118585 - Approve spending authority in the total amount not to exceed \$132,336.00 for professional helicopter pilot and maintenance training services from MD Helicopters, LLC. for the Houston Police Department.

Specific Explanation:

The Chief of the Houston Police Department (HPD) and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve spending authority for the purchase of professional helicopter pilot and maintenance training services in the amount of **\$132,336.00** to **MD Helicopters, LLC.** for HPD.

The factory authorized pilot flight training and mechanical services provided by MD Helicopters, LLC. includes recurrent, transition and maintenance test flight procedures, and emergency evasive maneuvers of the MD500E model helicopters used by HPD. The training provided by MD Helicopters, LLC. allows for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliance requiring pilots to complete a flight review. This factory-based flight training ensures pilots are up to date on the emergency procedures and protocols should a system failure occur mid-flight. HPD has nineteen (19) pilots, and two (2) senior aircraft mechanics that need the required recurrent training; furthermore HPD has one (1) newly hired mechanic that requires initial maintenance training.

The full range of aircraft specific classroom and hands-on training taught by experienced factory instructors at the MD Helicopters, LLC. training facilities located in Mesa, Arizona will provide HPD pilots and mechanics with the necessary industry standard training and certifications required by the FAA, in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 61.193 Flight Instructor Privileges.

This recommendation is made pursuant to subsection 252.022(a)(4) of the Texas Local Government Code, which provides that "a procurement for personal, professional, or planning services" is exempt from the competitive requirements for purchases.

MWBE Participation:

MWBE Goal Waiver Request document approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

Hire Houston First:

The proposed contract requires compliance with the City's "Hire Houston First" ordinance. Bids/proposals were not solicited because the department is utilizing a professional service contractor for this purchase.

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY25 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

8/28/2024

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Jedediah Greenfield, Chief Procurement Officer

Department Approval Authority

<u>Estimated Spending Authority:</u>			
Department	FY2025	Out Years	Total
Houston Police Department	\$132,336.00	\$0.00	\$132,336.00

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$132,336.00
Police Special Services Fund
Fund 2201

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Justification Form	Backup Material
Quote	Backup Material
Ownership Affidavit	Backup Material
Tax Status	Backup Material
MWBE Form	Backup Material
Conflict of Interest Questionnaire	Backup Material
Certification of Funds	Financial Information
Fiscal Form A	Financial Information
Funding Verification form-HPD fund 2201 WS1240118585 - Helicopter Pilot and Mechanic Training (MD Helicopters, LLC)	Financial Information