



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 6/12/2018

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H26615 - Flight Training Services - MOTION

Agenda Item#: 17.

Background:

S49-H26615 – Approve the sole source purchase from FlightSafety International, Inc. in the total amount of \$94,350.00 for Bell Helicopter flight training services for the Houston Police Department's Air Support Division.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

The Chief of the Houston Police Department and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that City Council approve the sole source purchase of flight training services at the Bell Helicopter Training Academy in the total amount of **\$94,350.00** and that authorization be given to issue a purchase order to **FlightSafety International, Inc.** for the Houston Police Department's Air Support Division (ASD).

The ASD has in its helicopter fleet a twin-engine Bell 412EP helicopter; a complex multi-mission aircraft utilized for search and rescue operations and terroristic response/SWAT insertion. This factory authorized Bell Helicopter flight training is for the recurrent training of five (5) ASD pilots and the initial training for one (1) ASD pilot of the Bell 412EP helicopter. This training is imperative to the pilots gaining and maintaining Bell 412 flight proficiency in standard and emergency flight procedures, as promulgated and regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA). Training will be conducted at FlightSafety International's Dallas-Fort Worth Learning Center which utilizes the only full-motion Bell 412 flight simulator in North America.

This factory based training is imperative to protect and prolong the life of aerial assets valued in excess of eight (8) million dollars.

This recommendation is made pursuant to Chapter 252, Section 252.022 (a) (7) (A) "a procurement of items that are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies" of the Texas Local Government Code for exempt procurements.

MWBE Participation:

This Procurement is exempt from the MWBE, subcontracting goal participation as the total project expenditures does not exceed the City's \$100,000.00 threshold.

Hire Houston First:

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

Fiscal Note:

Funding for this item is included in the FY2018 Adopted Budget. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policy Ord. 2014-1078.


Jerry Adams, Chief Procurement Officer
Finance/Strategic Procurement Division

Department Approval Authority

Estimated Spending Authority			
DEPARTMENT	FY2018	OUT YEARS	TOTAL
Houston Police Department	\$94,350.00	\$0.00	\$94,350.00

Amount of Funding:

\$94,350.00 – Police Special Services Fund (2201)

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ATTACHMENTS:**Description**AffidavitClear Tax ReportFair Campaign OrdinanceSole Source ApprovalForm BRCA Certificate of FundingFlightSafety Intl Quote**Type**

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