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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: April 20, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

21-00318

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff's Office Sheriff Bill Brown (ext. 14290) *BB*
Contact Info: Lt. Brian Olmstead (ext. 65029)
SUBJECT: Request a board contract in the annual amount of \$500,000.00 for Arista Aviation Services, LLC for maintenance and repair of County Air Support aircrafts.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize, the Chair to execute an agreement for services of an independent contractor for maintenance of County Air Support Unit aircrafts with Arista Aviation Services, LLC, a county authorized vendor for \$500,000.00 per year for the term of April 20, 2021 to June 30, 2025; and
- b) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above actions are not a project subject to CEQA review, because it is a government administrative activity that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

Currently the County of Santa Barbara has an Agreement for Services with Arista Aviation Services, LLC (BC-19-282) for the inspection, maintenance, and upgrade services for the Sikorsky HH60L Firehawk conversion, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,748,844.20.

Since Arista Aviation Services is a county authorized vendor, the Sheriff's Office requests the Chair to execute an agreement for services in the amount of \$500,000.00, separate from (BC-19-282) in order to conduct routine service and maintenance on all County Air Support Unit Aircraft, including the Sikorsky HH60L Firehawk. Based on their maintenance specialties related to the Firehawk and their

workforce, it will add maintenance scheduling opportunities in addition to the other aircraft maintenance facilities to return County Air Support aircraft back to service more quickly and mission ready for rescues, law enforcement, and fire responses. Additionally it is expected that Arista will be opening an additional location in Santa Barbara County in the next several months.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department maintains several helicopters and a fixed wing aircraft as part of the inventory within the County Air Support Unit. These aircraft are used for various missions including law enforcement patrol functions, firefighting, rescues, searching for lost persons, vehicle pursuits, and other public safety requirements.

As part of federal regulations and the Air Support Unit's policy, each aircraft is required to receive an annual maintenance inspection by an authorized aircraft mechanic. During these annual inspections, parts are replaced if they have been "timed out" or in need of repair. Additionally sometimes systems fail and aircraft are sent for service prior to the annual inspection. Due to the complexity of some of the requirements, the County Air Support Unit has service contracts with several aircraft maintenance facilities including RSI, Pac West, Aspen Helicopters, and Arista Aviation Services, LLC. The determination to use each county authorized vendor depends on the service specialty needed, and scheduling of aircraft servicing based on each vendor's work load. Most of the time when County Air Support Unit aircraft are sent for service, it takes several weeks to a few months to complete the service, and the service needs to be timed with the vendor's ability to complete the service in a timely matter. In the past, all of the above aircraft maintenance facilities have been used in the same year. County Fire was consulted and has given concurrence with the creation of this contract.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The cost of the any related services from Arista Aviation Services, LLC will come from the existing county Air Support maintenance fund budget.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send copy of minute order to:

- 1) Hope Vasquez, Chief Financial Officer, Sheriff's Office
- 2) General Services Purchasing Manager

Attachments:

Arista Board Contract

Authored by:

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