



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: August 28, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director:
Contact Info: Lieutenant Robert Mott x 4175

SUBJECT: **Execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor for the Build-Up of a UH-1H Rescue Helicopter for the Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit.**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Execute a Board Contract with PacWest Helicopters (not a local vendor) to conduct specialized and expert work on a UH-1H airframe, which is owned by the County, in order to build up and make operational a rescue capable helicopter which will be assigned to the Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit.
- b) Approve Budget Revision Request #2006993 releasing \$950,000 from Sheriff's Department designation and appropriating the same amount in line item 8300, Fixed Assets.

Summary Text:

The Sheriff's Department has acquired a UH-1H airframe and substantial excess military parts and components for the build up and refurbishment of the airframe for the purpose of making the airframe an operational helicopter. The helicopter would be used as a primary response and rescue aircraft in the County of Santa Barbara. The aircraft would be refurbished using as many military screened components as possible to reduce costs. The aircraft is a multi-use airship capable of firefighting and law enforcement activities. It will be appropriate to lift, transport, hoist and lower both personnel and cargo as necessary for rescue, water dropping and law enforcement and/or emergency operations. The Sheriff's Department is responsible for Search and Rescue operations within the County of Santa Barbara and this aircraft would enhance those capabilities.

Background:

The County of Santa Barbara has four helicopters. Two OH-58 helicopters are assigned to the Sheriff's Department and they are used primarily for law enforcement operations. The Fire Department has two UH-1H helicopters that are used for water dropping and search/rescue operations. The pilots and mechanics of the two departments are cross trained for added efficiency. On a routine basis, the pilots from each department fly each other department's airships. This additional airship will be used in a primary capacity for Sheriff's Department and Fire Department operations while one of the two original UH-1H airships will be used as a back-up.

The Sheriff's Department sought and obtained a used, non-operational, UH-1H aircraft body from the Jefferson County, Colorado Sheriff's Department. The aircraft was obtained for the cost of shipping and personnel costs to move the aircraft to Santa Barbara County. The Sheriff's Council initiated fund raising efforts to fund the build-up and refurbishment of the aircraft to be used as a rescue helicopter. In October, 2006, the Sheriff's Council, at a Board of Supervisors meeting, turned over \$950,000 in charitable donations to the Sheriff's Department for the purpose of building up the UH-1H aircraft.

The creation of this UH-1H helicopter will allow a broad mission spectrum not subject to the constraints of the Federal Equipment Procurement Program (FEPP) regulations and restrictions. The aircraft will provide substantial rescue capabilities to include enhanced lift performance, hoisting and lowering ability, transportation of victims and/or law enforcement/fire personnel and water dropping ability at higher altitudes during hotter weather.

The creation of the UH-1H helicopter will be done by PacWest Helicopters in Redding, California. PacWest Helicopters is not a local business, however, the services they provide are specialized and highly technical and PacWest Helicopters is the closest vendor for this type of work. PacWest has provided quotes for the work to be completed, is familiar with the type of aircraft conversion intended, and is a financially viable business for this contract. A Statement of Work has been created which includes monthly expectations and bi-monthly inspections of work by members of the Project Team who possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and abilities to evaluate the work being conducted by the vendor, PacWest.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Budget Revision Request #2006993 releases the \$950,000 held in designation and appropriates a like amount in line item 8300. It is anticipated that the retrofit project will take from eleven to fourteen months. Monthly invoices will be provided by the vendor as progress payments for labor and parts.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Charitable Donations			\$950,000
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$950,000

Staffing Impacts:

The Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit is currently allocated sufficient pilots, crew chiefs and mechanic positions to operate the additional UH-1H without increasing the staffing levels.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please return two copies of the executed Board Contact, plus the minute order of the action to the Sheriff’s Department, attention: Lieutenant Robert Mott, Special Operations Division, 4434 Calle Real, Santa Barbara Ca. 93110.

Attachments:

- 1) Agreement for services of independent contractor
- 2) Budget Revision Request #2006993

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