



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Fire
Department No.: 031
For Agenda Of: June 28, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief / Fire Warden, 805-681-5500
Director(s)
Contact Info: Anthony Stornetta, Interim Operations Division Chief, 805-681-4202

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in the Purchase of Special Tool Kits to Support the Firehawk, Helicopter 964, from EAA Tools, LLC

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Waive competitive bidding by the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to County Code § 2-39 and authorize the County Purchasing Agent to procure two (2) EAA Tools specialty tool kits at a cost of \$124,839.15 without being required to conduct a formal bid process; and
- b) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(4) that the above fiscal activity is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Fire Department requests that your Board waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of two (2) specialty tool kits consisting of (1) H-60 Standard Expeditionary Kit and (1) H-60 237WP Peculiar Tool Kit at \$86,080.00 and \$29,260.00 respectively, plus shipping (\$520.00) and sales tax (\$8,979.15), totaling \$124,839.15, as a sole source procurement from EAA Tools, LLC.

The recommended action will allow the Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit to provide maintenance support to the newly-delivered Firehawk helicopter. Specialty tooling is required to perform certain maintenance functions on the aircraft and will reduce the amount of outside contract maintenance required to keep the aircraft in service.

Background:

In 2018, the Board of Supervisors waived the formal bidding process and authorized the purchase of a used Sikorsky HH60L (Blackhawk) helicopter. In 2019, the Board waived the formal bidding processing and authorized an agreement for inspection, maintenance, and upgrade services to convert the helicopter to a Firehawk. The Fire Department is now seeking to purchase repair equipment to be utilized by the Santa Barbara County Air Support Unit to better maintain the new Firehawk. Specialty tooling is required to maintain the new Firehawk and EAA Tools, LLC solely creates and manufactures the necessary tool kits.

The tool kits offered by EAA Tools include proprietary tools that are engineered specifically for the Sikorsky HH60L. The Sikorsky HH60L is considered a legacy aircraft by the original equipment manufacturer and as such is not supported by traditional military vendors. EAA Tools has re-engineered and improved the legacy tools provided by the military. The Fire Department investigated other vendors, and was not able to identify any other vendors that offer these proprietary tools in a field-level maintenance kit. Alternate vendors only make these specialty tools as part of much larger and more expensive phase maintenance kits, which are more encompassing than the field-level kits the Fire Department needs. The General Services Purchasing Division reviewed the proposed sole source acquisition and recommended that the Fire Department bring it to the Board for approval.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fire Protection District Fund Balance	\$ 124,839.15		\$ 124,839.15
Total	\$ 124,839.15	\$ -	\$ 124,839.15

Staffing Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

Please forward a certified, stamped Minute Order approving these actions to:

- Phung Loman, County Purchasing Agent, General Services; and
- Shawna Jorgensen, CFO, County of Santa Barbara Fire Protection District.

Attachments:

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Attachment A: EAA Tools Quote QT 000299

Attachment B: EAA Sole Source Justification

Authored by:

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cc:

Shawna Jorgensen, CFO

Anthony Stornetta, Interim Chief of Operations