

MEMORANDUM
COUNTY OF PLACER
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Brett Wood, Purchasing Manager
DATE: March 25, 2014
SUBJECT: Helicopter Engine Support – Turbomeca USA Inc.

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve the renewal of a negotiated contract with Turbomeca USA Inc. of Grand Prairie, TX for the helicopter engine support in the maximum amount of \$50,796, funded by the Sheriff's Office FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 budgets for these expenses resulting in budgeted net County costs of \$50,796 per year, for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, and authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resulting blanket purchase order.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) requires the services of one or more qualified firms to provide service for the department's Eurocopter model helicopter. The helicopter is currently being serviced by two firms. Turbomeca of Grand Prairie, TX supports the internal engine equipment and Airbus Helicopters Inc. of Grand Prairie, TX supports the Tail Rotor Blade components.

On March 22, 2010 the County executed a Support-by-the-Hour Agreement, reference KN020944, with Turbomeca to service the Eurocopter AS-350 B3 engine. Turbomeca USA has extensive experience in providing similar services, and a thorough understanding of the department's needs. Turbomeca was also chosen based on their specialized knowledge of the aircraft and at the recommendation of the manufacturer.

PCSO has submitted a request to renew the service agreement with Turbomeca for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Turbomeca has requested a 3.50% increase in their service rates to the County. The new rate is consistent with the previous annual rate increases. Your Board's approval is required to proceed with a new one-year BPO in the maximum amount of \$50,796 and to authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resulting BPO.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon your Board's approval, a new BPO will be awarded to Turbomeca USA Inc. in the department's requested maximum amount of \$50,796 for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The department has budgeted appropriately for this expense. Purchases are funded by the Sheriff's Office FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 budgets for these expenses resulting in budgeted net County costs of \$50,796 per year.

cc: Virginia Valenzuela, Senior Administrative Services Officer – Sheriff's Office
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