

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 10, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Jesse Moreno (Vice Chair), Laura Cadena, Maxie Johnson, Jaime Resendez, William Roth, Kathy Stewart

SUBJECT **November 12, 2025, City Council Agenda Item #25-3073A; Airbus H125 helicopter for the Dallas Police Department with Helicopter Services, Inc.**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on November 12, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #25-3073A

Authorize an acquisition contract for the purchase of equipment, parts, and labor to install public safety equipment on the new Airbus H125 helicopter for the Dallas Police Department with Helicopter Services, Inc. through procurement by the General Services Administration Cooperative Purchasing Program - Not to exceed \$3,371,193.00 - Financing: 2025 Master Lease-Equipment Fund (\$3,058,901.00) and Confiscated Monies-Federal-Dept. of Treasury Fund (\$312,292.00)

BACKGROUND

This acquisition contract will provide equipment, parts, and labor necessary to outfit the Dallas Police Department's (DPD) new Airbus H125 helicopter with public safety technology essential for law enforcement operations. The upfit will ensure the aircraft is fully mission-ready and interoperable with the City's existing fleet, supporting DPD's day-to-day aerial response across patrol, surveillance, and tactical operations.

The equipment installed through this contract includes, but is not limited to, an upgraded digital camera system, video camera recorder, mapping system, tactical radio integration, and related mounting and cabling components. These enhancements are critical to maintaining real-time situational awareness, supporting ground units, and ensuring the helicopter can perform effectively in high-demand environments. The selected configuration aligns with the operational standards of DPD's Helicopter Unit and reflects best practices in law enforcement aviation.

This upfit supports the City's broader investment in public safety infrastructure and complements the recent purchase of the Airbus H125 aircraft. Together, these actions strengthen DPD's ability to provide uninterrupted aerial coverage, improve officer safety, and enhance response capabilities citywide.

The General Service Administration cooperative agreement is authorized by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and Subchapter F, Chapter 271, Texas Local Government Code. Section 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes local government to participate in Cooperative Purchasing Program Cooperative Purchasing Program with another local government or a local cooperative organization.

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FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2026	FY 2027	Future Years
2025 Master Lease-Equipment Fund	\$3,058,901.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Confiscated Monies-Federal-Dept. of Treasury Fund	\$ 312,292.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$3,371,193.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Dominique Artis
Chief of Public Safety

c: Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, City Manager
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