

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 25, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **March 26, 2025, City Council Agenda Item #42; 25-842A Five-year service price agreement for helicopter turbine engine overhauls, rebuilds, repairs, and associated rentals for helicopters for the Dallas Police Department**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on March 26, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM #42; 25-842A

Authorize a five-year service price agreement for helicopter turbine engine overhauls, rebuilds, repairs, and associated rentals for helicopters for the Dallas Police Department - Keystone Turbine Services, LLC, lowest responsible bidder of two - Estimated amount of \$9,727,460.00 - Financing: General Fund (subject to annual appropriations)

BACKGROUND

This action does not encumber funds; the purpose of a service price agreement is to establish firm pricing for services, for a specific term, which are ordered on an as needed basis according to annual budgetary appropriations. The estimated amount is intended as guidance rather than a cap on spending under the agreement, so that actual need combined with the amount budgeted will determine the amount spent under this agreement.

This service price agreement will provide for helicopter turbine engine overhauls, rebuilds, repairs, and associated rentals for helicopters for the Dallas Police Department. With accumulated flight hours, each helicopter requires scheduled overhauls and rebuilds. Each engine is due a partial or complete overhaul service at 1,750 or 3,500 hours of engine usage and 2,000 or 4,000 hours. The helicopter unit flies approximately 1,550 hours a year spread over the three helicopters owned by the City. In 2023, the unit responded to 6,902 service calls and in 2024, it responded to 3,844 calls.

The helicopter unit operates 20 hours a day, 7 days a week, and has been in operation for over 55 years providing an aerial vantage in response to emergency calls. The helicopter unit responds primarily to police calls, but also assists the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department, Code Enforcement, and City Marshals. Frequently, the unit is first to respond

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to emergency calls and is able to provide advanced situational information to ground units also responding.

As part of the solicitation process and in an effort to increase competition, the Office of Procurement Services used its procurement system to send out email notifications to vendors registered under relevant commodity codes. To further increase competition, the Office of Procurement Services uses historical solicitation information, the Internet, and vendor contact information obtained from user departments to contact additional vendors.

On November 10, 2015, the City Council authorized a living wage policy that requires contractors to pay their employees a “living wage” rate as established annually by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator for Dallas County by Resolution No. 15-2141. The calculated living wage during the solicitation process of this contract is \$22.05; the selected vendor meets this requirement.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2025	FY 2026	Future Years
General Funds	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$9,327,460.00

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 Chief of Public Safety

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