

**COUNCIL ACTION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

DATE: 04/02/2010

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Fire-Rescue Department

SUBJECT: Helicopter Maintenance Contract Agreement

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER: Deputy Chief Doug Nakama/619 533 4307

REQUESTED ACTION:

1) Authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to enter into an agreement between the City of San Diego and Rotor Craft Support Inc. for the provision of service maintenance to the Fire Rescue helicopters.

2) Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate and expend up to \$1,200,000 within the Fire Rescue Budget every year for the next 5 Fiscal Years for service maintenance for two helicopters.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve requested actions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's (SDFD) Air Operations Division currently owns and operates one (1) Bell 212 HP D/F and one (1) Bell 412 E/P twin-engine gas turbine medium lift helicopter which are both outfitted for multi-mission applications in order to provide primary fire, rescue and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the citizens and visitors of the City and the Region. Routine repairs, inspections and maintenance are required on a continuous basis in accordance with mandatory time/life schedules.

Currently, the City contracts with Rotorcraft Support Inc. to provide both scheduled and unscheduled maintenance to the aircraft. The scheduled maintenance has been developed to provide an "on-going" and continual phase inspection/maintenance program. This involves relatively small "work" items and inspections, intended to decrease the "out of service" time for each aircraft. This program is preferable to two-or-three yearly "large inspections" that would place the aircraft out of service for an extended period of time. The unscheduled maintenance is provided on an as needed basis.

The maintenance provider is required to support the Air Operations Division with three fully-qualified helicopter mechanics as well as to provide the parts necessary for each aircraft.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: This contract will cost up to \$1.2m a year for five years. An exact amount cannot be presented as services will be provided based on number of hours flown, which will in turn depend on occurrence of emergencies. Funds are currently budgeted in the Fire Rescue Department for 1,040,000. All payments for FY2010 have been completed and the Fire Rescue Department will be capable to absorb all payments for FY2011 as well. An additional \$140,000 would be needed yearly through Fy2014 to fulfill helicopter service requirements outlined in this agreement.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE): This agreement is subject to the City's Equal Opportunity Contracting (San Diego Ordinance 18173, Section 22.2701 through 22.2708) and non discrimination in contracting ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code sections 22.3501 through 22.3517)

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION: On Feb 26, 2008 Council approved Resolution R-303423 (R-208-715) the purchase of a second helicopter for the Fire Rescue Dept. - A part of the Fiscal impacts approved in this resolution included helicopter operating and maintenance costs.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: N/A

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: San Diego Fire Rescue Department and Rotorcraft Inc.

Mainar, Javier
Originating Department

Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer