



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
November 30, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Agreement: Aircraft Maintenance

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** to: 1) suspend competitive bidding in the best interest of the City of Sacramento for the purchase of aircraft maintenance services; and 2) award a nonprofessional services agreement to Mather Aviation, LLC for aircraft maintenance services with an initial term of two (2) years with two (2) one-year renewal options for a total term of four (4) years in a total amount not to exceed \$690,000, and authorize the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to exercise the renewals options provided that sufficient funds are available in the budget adopted for the applicable Fiscal Year(s).

Contact: Mike McCarthy, Captain, Sacramento Police Department, (916) 808-0701

Presenters: Not Applicable.

Department: Police

Division: Metro

Department ID: 11001141

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Sacramento Police Department has specific aircraft maintenance requirements which require the maintenance facility to have a commercially-rated Rotorcraft helicopter pilot available for test and ferry flights. Furthermore, this pilot must be available 24 hours a day as needed and must be located within 50 nautical miles of McClellan Park where the police aircraft are located. Mather Aviation is the only facility known to the Sacramento Police Department that meets these requirements and is eight nautical miles from McClellan Park. Mather Aviation also currently holds aircraft maintenance contracts with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, the State of California Department of Justice, and the United States Customs and Border Protection.

The current head mechanic for Mather Aviation, LLC, Tom Burriss, is assigned to work on the Sacramento Police Department helicopters. Tom Burriss has retained sole responsibility for the maintenance of the Police Department's aircraft for over the ten years. Tom Burriss is familiar with the complex electronic and computer systems installed in the Police Department's aircraft as well as their maintenance history and repair.

The Sacramento Police Department has maintained a contract with Mather Aviation, LLC since December 2008. The Police Department's aircraft are kept on a strict maintenance schedule which requires maintenance and inspections for every twenty-five (25) hours of flight. It is in the best interest of both the Sacramento Police Department and the City of Sacramento to suspend competitive bidding and enter into a new contract with Mather Aviation, LLC. Entering into this contract will ensure the continuity of services and the safe maintenance and operation of the Sacramento Police Department's aircraft.

Policy Considerations: This recommendation is consistent with Sacramento City Code section 3.56.230(C), which states that competitive bidding is not required when the City Council determines by means of a 2/3 vote that it is in the best interest of the City to suspend competitive bidding. In addition, Sacramento City Code section 3.56.090 and AP-4102 require City Council award for agreements where the expenditure equals or is greater than \$100,000.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to section 15061 (b) (3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Sustainability: There are no sustainability considerations associated with this report.

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The continuity of helicopter maintenance services is vital to the success of the Sacramento Police Department's daily operations. Entering into a contract with Mather Aviation, LLC will ensure that the Police Department's helicopters continue to receive the necessary maintenance by a well-qualified mechanic who is intimately familiar with the aircraft.

Financial Considerations:

Although helicopter maintenance services have not been competitively bid,

informal surveys of aviation maintenance facilities have shown that the Mather Aviation, LLC price is competitive. Costs for the initial two years of the contract are calculated at fixed rates. Costs for the third and fourth contract years may be subject to a five percent increase at the discretion of the City. Funding for this contract will come from the FY11 Citizen Option for Police Services Grant. The Sacramento Police Department has previously accepted grant awards from the Citizens Option for Police Services.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Mather Aviation is not a certified emerging small business development.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mike McCarthy
Mike McCarthy, Captain

Approved by: Rick Braziel
Rick Braziel, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H.B. Jones
for Gus Vina
Interim City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Am. Adams
CITY ATTORNEY

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**Attachment 1****Background**

The Sacramento Police Department currently operates military surplus helicopters which were manufactured in 1970 and 1971. Since their acquisition in the mid 1990's, many upgrades have been made to the mission equipment installed on the aircraft which make them suitable for law enforcement and public safety use. The majority of the computer, radio, infrared and color cameras, video down linking and recording systems required custom designs and installations due to aircraft-specific requirements.

Mather Aviation, LLC holds the current Helicopter Maintenance Contract with the Sacramento Police Department. Mather Aviation, LLC has been the maintenance provider for the Sacramento Police Department's aircraft since December 2008. The current Mather Aviation, LLC head mechanic, Tom Burriss, is assigned to work on the Sacramento Police Department's helicopters and has maintained sole responsibility of maintaining the Sacramento Police Department's aircraft for the past ten years. Tom Burriss is familiar with the complex electronic and computer systems installed in the Sacramento Police Department's aircraft including their maintenance history and repair.

In 2009, Sacramento Police Department helicopter crews responded to 4,126 calls for service with an average response time of 1.6 minutes. Of those calls, the helicopter was first to arrive on scene 2,054 times, cancelled 277 ground units, handled 826 calls without the assistance of ground units, and was directly involved in over 300 felony arrests. Additionally, the helicopter conducted 1,049 homeland security checks and located 23 missing persons. The Sacramento Police Department's helicopters have a field of view ten times larger than ground units and serve as force multipliers for the Police Department.



Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

Assignment of the Helicopter Maintenance Contract to Mather Aviation, LLC

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento Police Department has specific aircraft maintenance requirements which include that the maintenance facility has a commercially-rated Rotorcraft helicopter pilot available for test and ferry flights. This pilot must be available 24 hours a day as needed and must be located within 50 nautical miles from McClellan Park where the Police Department's aircraft are located. Mather Aviation, LLC is the only facility known to the Sacramento Police Department that meets these requirements. Mather Aviation, LLC is located eight nautical miles from McClellan Park. Mather Aviation, LLC also currently holds aircraft maintenance contracts with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, the State of California Department of Justice, and the United States Customs and Border Patrol Protection.
- B. Mather Aviation, LLC holds the current Helicopter Maintenance Contract with the Sacramento Police Department. Mather Aviation, LLC has been the maintenance provider for the police aircraft since December 2008. The head mechanic responsible for the maintenance of the helicopters has over 25 years of experience working on the make and model of helicopters flown by the Sacramento Police Department and has been the primary mechanic for the Police Department's helicopters for the past ten years. The head mechanic, Tom Burriss, is familiar with the complex electronic and computer systems installed in the aircraft as well as their maintenance history and repair.
- C. It is in the best interest of public safety and the Sacramento Police Department to ensure the seamless continuation of maintenance of its helicopters.
- D. Based on the above, it is in the City's best interest to suspend competitive bidding and enter into an agreement with Mather Aviation, LLC for the Sacramento Police Department's aircraft maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$690,000.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In the best interests of the City, competitive bidding is hereby suspended for the purchase of aircraft maintenance services.

Section 2. Mather Aviation, LLC is awarded a nonprofessional services agreement for aircraft maintenance services with an initial term of two (2) years with two (2) one-year renewal options for a total term of four (4) years in a total amount not to exceed \$690,000. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is authorized to exercise the renewal options provided that sufficient funds are available in the budget adopted for the applicable Fiscal Year(s).