



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Professional Service Agreement between Airbus Helicopters, Inc., and the San Antonio Police Department for recurrent and transition pilot and crew training.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance will authorize the approval of a Professional Service Agreement between Airbus Helicopter, Inc. (Airbus) and the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), for a seven-month term from May 11, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in a total amount not to exceed \$187,459.00. Funding is available from the FY 2023 General Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2018, initial pilot and crew member training was awarded with the purchase of the Airbus H125 helicopter. The training is specific to this model aircraft.

The SAPD's Helicopter Detail is required, by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), to ensure each pilot and crewmember receives recurrent training. The FAA mandates recurrent training for aircrew members to maintain qualification and currency for each specific type of

aircraft and crew member position involved in the operation of the aircraft. This standardized, structured program for maintaining and building on perishable skills and knowledge is imperative, specifically for the pilots of the aircraft. Recurrent training provides a safe, structured way to refresh and train on potentially lifesaving skills that are not practiced during everyday routine flights. Formalizing this important training improves pilot proficiency, increases situational awareness and increases passenger and crewmember safety. The training also provides an official avenue for learning new policies, procedures, skills, equipment, and technology released since the pilot received his or her license.

ISSUE:

This ordinance will authorize a Professional Service Agreement between Airbus Helicopter, Inc., and the San Antonio Police Department for a seven-month term. Approving the agreement with Airbus, will align with SAPD's continued mission to meet FAA recurrent training mandates in providing safe, lifesaving skills that are not practiced during everyday routine flights which improves pilot proficiency, increases situational awareness, and enhances passenger and crewmember safety.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this Professional Service Agreement is not approved, the San Antonio Police Department will not be able to meet the FAA mandated recurrent training for aircrew members to maintain qualifications and potentially lifesaving skills that are not practiced during everyday routine flights in support of SAPD's continued mission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes a Professional Service Agreement with Airbus Helicopters, Inc. to provide helicopter recurrent and transition pilot and crew training in the amount of \$187,459.00. Funding is available from the FY 2023 General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval and full execution of this Professional Service Agreement in support of the City and SAPD's efforts to maintain the Helicopter Detail's required Federal Aviation Administration mandated recurrent training.

