

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF
ADVANCED HELICOPTER TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FROM AIR
RESCUE SYSTEMS, ESTIMATED COST \$65,000, MAY 23, 2023
THROUGH MAY 22, 2024 (SS24-C245003).**

WHEREAS, the Fire and Police Departments are working together to implement a helicopter rescue team; and

WHEREAS, the team will consist of Police Department pilots and Fire Department rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department will be purchasing specific rescue equipment to enhance our ability to rescue residents during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, there are many instances where rescues can be made safer, quicker, and more efficiently utilizing a helicopter; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department's aircraft are equipped with provisions to allow us to use them for rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, part of this project includes training pilots, crew chiefs and ground crew; and

WHEREAS, staff has researched and found that Air Rescue Systems (ARS) is the only Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified Part 141 training school for long line and rescue training; and

WHEREAS, schools are specifically approved by the FAA to teach certain courses in a structured and organized way to ensure the highest level of student training possible; and

WHEREAS, these courses are taught on a rigid schedule and at a fast pace; and

WHEREAS, the FAA visits the school to inspect its facilities, personnel, course program, equipment, and overall safety; and

WHEREAS, after the inspection is complete, the FAA will give final approval that the school has met its requirements and issue the school with a certificate allowing it to carry out high-quality flight training; and

WHEREAS, ARS is also the only trainer to provide certified manufacturers training on the equipment that will be used during external loads and is the only vendor that will supply the needed equipment for the training; and

WHEREAS, staff requests approval to purchase this vital training from ARS; and

WHEREAS, ARS will train three pilots, three crew chiefs, and eight rescue specialists; and

WHEREAS, ARS offers detailed, safety-oriented training in support of Initial Helicopter Short Haul for Insertion and Extraction for Rescue Missions; and

WHEREAS, the training will take place in Oklahoma City in September 2023 using the Police helicopters and ARS will provide two instructors; and

WHEREAS, the training includes one day didactic and one-half day static skills training and four and one-half days flight training for a total flight time of twenty-eight flight hours; and

WHEREAS, the cost of \$38,500 for this specific training will be split between Fire and Police Department FY24 funding; and

WHEREAS, equipment will be purchased with Fire Department FY23 funding to ensure delivery of equipment prior to training; and

WHEREAS, staff requests Council approve the sole source purchase of advanced helicopter training and equipment from Air Rescue Systems (SS24-C245003), estimated cost \$65,000, May 23, 2023 through May 22, 2024; and

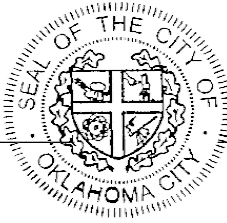
WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for the procurement of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City that they do hereby authorize the sole source purchase of advanced helicopter training and equipment from Air Rescue Systems (SS24-C245003), estimated cost \$65,000, May 23, 2023 through May 22, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City this 23RD day of MAY, 2023.

ATTEST:

Amy K. Simpson
CITY CLERK



Tommy B. Burt
VICE-MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.

Carol Annett
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR