



# MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda  
Item No. IX. G  
11/05/2024

## The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution waiving formal competitive bidding and authorizing the open market purchase of one Airbus H125 single engine helicopter from Airbus Helicopters, Inc. (COKC00982); and approving purchase agreement, \$4,124,459.

### **Purpose:**

To add an additional helicopter to the Police Department Air Support Unit's existing fleet of two Airbus H125 helicopters. This purchase will maintain standardization of supply inventory and training.

### **Background:**

The Police Department recently purchased a new Airbus H125 Helicopter from Airbus Helicopters Inc. approved by council on November 22, 2022, by waiving competitive bidding. The OKCPD is currently picking a proposer to sell the 2014 model bringing the number of helicopters to two. This addition would allow the Air Support Unit to expand mission growth beyond surveillance and routine patrol flights extending the fleet to three Airbus H125 Helicopters.

The base cost for these aircrafts is the same worldwide. A majority of law enforcement and medical transports use Airbus aircraft. The Police Air Support Unit currently spends approximately \$65,000 annually in recurrent training for this type of helicopter, which is included in the cost for this unit. Airbus Helicopters, Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer and the sole authorized seller of the new AS350B3 (H125) aircraft in the United States of America.

Staff requests Council approve the open market purchase of Airbus H125 single engine helicopter from Airbus Helicopters, Inc. (COKC00982); and approving purchase agreement, \$4,124,459. Purchases made with this authority will comply with the City's open market purchasing procedures.

### **Cost:**

\$4,124,459

### **Source of Funds:**

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**Review:**

Finance Department

**Recommendation:** Resolution be adopted.