



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole
ECAF: 2023-0824
Motion: 23-303

Analyst: Nicole Gorle
Date: July 18, 2023

Consideration:

Authorize the Executive to execute the Contract for Professional Services – Helicopter Maintenance, with Northwest Helicopter, LLC.

Background:

Since 2008/2009 the Sheriff’s Office has contracted with Northwest Helicopters, LLC for repair and maintenance of their Bell helicopter. Through RFP 43-19BC, Northwest Helicopters was selected for the most recent contract, approved by Council on March 30, 2020 through [Motion 20-097](#). This contract was effective from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023 and had a do not exceed amount of \$400,000.

On June 22, 2022, Council approved [Amendment #1](#) to this contract, adding \$1,500,000¹ to the contract to upgrade a used Bell Helicopter received in 2021 which was in need of repairs and upgrades.

Northwest Helicopters was the winning bid through RFP 23-004BC for the new helicopter maintenance contract. Because all of the upgrades funded through Amendment 1 to the previous contract have not been completed, there is \$1,000,000 of roll over funds from the last contract to the new one.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Provide maintenance, services, and inspection for two (2) Bell UH 1H helicopters, one (1) Hughes 500-P helicopter and one (1) MD 500E helicopter.

Northwest Helicopter Contract 2023-2026	
Service	Compensation
Labor	\$140 / hour
Parts	Cost plus 15%
Supplies	Cost plus 15%
Battery Shop	
Top Charge	n/a
Deep Cycle	n/a
Millage Charge	\$0.655/ mile <i>(based off IRS standard rate)</i>
Warranty (repair and workmanship)	6 months

Duration: April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2026 (option to extend two additional one year terms)

Fiscal Impact: \$1,422,036

¹ Cathcart funds

2023 Budget: Yes

Future Budget Impact: Yes

Handling: Expedite – 7/31/23

Approved-as-to-form: Yes

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: For council to consider taking action.