



**Snohomish County Council**

**Committee:** LJHS  
**ECAF:** 22-0707  
**Proposal:** Mot. 22-301

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo  
**Date:** July 27, 2022

**Consideration**

The Executive’s Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-301 which would approve and authorize an agreement for professional services with Northwest Helicopter, LLC to provide helicopter purchase brokerage services.

**Background**

Amended Ordinance 21-094<sup>1</sup> appropriated funds for Helicopter purchase and repair that were reappropriated in the 2022 Budget, approved via Ordinance 21-093<sup>2</sup>.

The 1968 Hughes 500P observation helicopter is approaching the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. RFP 22-026BC was issued for helicopter purchase brokerage services to purchase a replacement small, light search/Law Enforcement helicopter to conduct search operations, support patrol and SWAT with the FLIR Camera, Live Video Downlink and Searchlight capabilities.

**Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Motion 22-301 authorizes an agreement with Northwest Helicopter, LLC to act as broker, culminating in a purchase of a 1989 MD 500 E with less than 1,000 recorded flight hours. A full scope of services is located in Schedule A.

*Duration:* Upon execution to December 31, 2023 with the option to renew for an additional one (1) one-year term.

*Fiscal Implications:* \$1,465,322.46 broken down in Schedule B as:

MD 500 E Helicopter	\$1,337,337.50
Insurance coverage	\$6,500.00
Pre-purchase inspection	\$2,800.00
Annual inspection	\$6,500.00
Escrow recording and title fees	\$2,650.00
Delivery	\$2,250.00
Sales Tax (7.9%)	\$107,284.96

**2022 Budget:** YES. Facilities DAC 311.527180016000. Funds allocated from the sale of the Cathcart Property.

**Future Budget Impacts:** Possibly

**Handling:** EXPEDITE.

**Approved-as-to-form:** YES

**Risk Management:** YES

**Executive Recommendation:** YES

**Request:** Move motion to GLS on August 10, 2022 for Council to consider taking action.

<sup>1</sup> [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2021-0870 \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)

<sup>2</sup> [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2021-0760 \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)