



MR# **26-131**
Assigned by Purchasing Div.

MODIFICATION (WAIVER) REQUEST

Requesting Department & Division	Contact Name		Telephone #
Capital City Fire Rescue	Brenwynne Grigg		(907)586-5322, 4320
Department Head Signature	Date	Original RQ #	Estimated Cost
<i>Richard Etheridge</i>	9/23/2025	12207	\$ 7,000.00
Is this Procurement State or Federally funded? ☐ YES ☒ NO			

Reason for Modification Request:

Please complete this form and attach all supporting documents.

Give complete, accurate, detailed explanation of your request. Please be specific.

In the event CCFR needs to conduct an emergency rescue operation that requires the use of a helicopter, the decision must be made in a moments notice. Therefore, it is critical that these events are planned for and anticipated. Temsco Helicopters is the best fit for these types of rescue operations. See attached sole source explanation.

- ☒ **Sole Source:** The purchase of a commodity or service from the only known single source. *Attach verification.*
Code Provision: 53.50.090 (c)
- ☐ **Class 2 Emergency:** A circumstance that poses a threat to the health, welfare or safety of the public.
Code Provision: 53.50.090 (L)
- ☐ **Rider to Another Contract:** A vendor may extend another government agency's bid or contract pricing to CBJ. The proposed purchase must meet CBJ purchasing requirements and must have been competitively bid.
Code Provision: 53.50.090 (f) Agency: _____ Contract #: _____
- ☐ **No Substitute:** A request for a specific brand name and model number of a particular item to be purchased. The item must be available from more than one supplier.
- ☐ **Other:** Clear explanation is required. Code Provision: (if applicable) _____
Explanation: _____

Approved By:

Renee Loree
Purchasing Officer

09/24/2025

Date

City Manager

Date

FY	RQ	\$ Amount	PO #	Purchasing Approval

Purchasing Officer Comments:

Expiration Date: _____



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Date: July 1, 2023

To: Renee Loree, Purchasing Officer

From: Brenwynne Grigg, Administrative Officer 
Ed Quinto, Assistant Fire Chief & Special Teams Chief 

Regarding: Sole Source for Search, Rescue, and Recovery Operations Involving Air Transportation

Introduction

Currently, there are three (3) flight companies that are centrally located near the Juneau International Airport property that could potentially provide search, rescue, recovery, and fire suppression operations when Capital City Fire Rescue (CCFR) is in need of air transportation or air suppression.

This memo is a result of research performed to determine which flight companies have the equipment and availability required to perform these operations at a moment's notice in an emergency situation.

Temsco Helicopters

1. Temsco has maintained their air ambulance license.
2. Temsco keeps a helicopter fully equipped with a gurney and bed frame system that is ready at a moment's notice.
3. Temsco participates in regular search/rescue/recovery training with Juneau Mountain Rescue.
4. Temsco has fire suppression equipment for wildland support.
5. Temsco has a broad fleet of light to medium category helicopters for varied rescue missions. Their Hughes/MD 500 is a small maneuverable helicopter that is most needed when rescuing someone off a mountain where spaces are confined. But they also have larger AStar series options for longer distance hauls.

Coastal Helicopters

1. Coastal Helicopters has let their air ambulance license lapse some years ago; they stated that air ambulance and scene recovery missions are not a priority for them.
2. Coastal has a gurney and bed frame system in storage somewhere, but they do not keep a helicopter equipped with it at the ready.
3. Coastal does not participate in annual training for air ambulance or air rescue/recovery missions.
4. Coastal only has Aerospatiale AStar helicopters, which would work for longer distance missions where you need to haul more people and equipment. An example would be to get someone from Taku Lodge, off Admiralty Island, or in the Icefield where they are dealing with wide open spaces.
5. Coastal does not have smaller helicopters, such as a Hughes 500. These helicopters are needed to maneuver in tighter spaces, such as search/rescue/recovery missions on mountain sides where topography and trees present maneuvering challenges.

NorthStar Helicopters

1. NorthStar does not have their air ambulance license.
2. NorthStar only flies AS350 series AStar Helicopters, which are too large for the tight maneuvering challenges in the search/rescue/recovery missions we find ourselves in.
3. NorthStar has done some rescue calls for the State Troopers.
4. NorthStar has one aircraft with a gurney and bed frame system installed, but the aircraft is not in town from Feb – April for heli-skiing and is often dispatched during the summer for Wildland Firefighting in the interior.

Conclusion

This memo concludes that Temsco Helicopters is a sole source supplier for the types of rescue operations CCFR often finds itself in.