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MR# 22-159
Assigned by Purchasing Div.

MODIFICATION (WAIVER) REQUEST

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT & DIVISION:	CONTACT NAME:	TELEPHONE:	
Capital City Fire Rescue	Brenwynne Grigg	907-586-5322, ext. 4320	
REQUESTING DEPT. HEAD SIGNATURE:	DATE:	PR or Req#:	COST:
<i>[Signature]</i>	9/27/2021	8737	\$7,295.03
<i>Fill in the areas listed below that apply to this request. Please attach any supporting documentation (where applicable) to help in the evaluation process. Also include a completed purchase request.</i>			

Sole Source No Substitute Class 2 Emergency Emergency Bid Circulation
 Rider to Another Contract Other
 Explain: X

IS THIS PROCUREMENT FEDERALLY/STATE FUNDED? YES NO

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

MODIFICATION REQUEST EXPLANATION:

An emergency search and recovery effort was conducted by CCFR a few miles up Eagle River. The weather conditions, time of day, and terrain necessitated the use of a helicopter to get rescuers to the location of the accident. The initial search and rescue effort turned into a recovery effort. Time was of the essence and Temsco Helicopters was the best fit for the rescue effort. Temsco Helicopters conducts training specific to this type of search/rescue/recovery and has necessary equipment at their disposal. Juneau Mountain Rescue (JMR) regularly depends on them for Medevac services and they conduct regular training exercises. Temsco's helicopters are fully equipped with rescue gear and equipment, such as a hold down bed frame system for gurneys, that other flight companies are not equipped with.

EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR MODIFICATION REQUEST

Sole Source: The purchase of a commodity or service from the only known capable supplier.	Emergency Bid Circulation: A request to reduce the required bid advertisement period.
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.	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.
Class 2 Emergency: A circumstance that poses a threat to the health, welfare or safety of the public.	Other: The circumstance may be unique. Clear explanation is required. Provide appropriate code provision.

Purchasing Officer Comments:

ACTION TAKEN:

Approved (Date : 9/30/21) Disapproved (Date : _____)
 Returned for further explanation (Date _____)

Renee A Loree

Purchasing Officer

City Manager

Date



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Date: September 29, 2021

To: Renee Loree, Purchasing Officer

From: Brenwynne Grigg, Administrative Officer
Travis Mead, 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, and recovery operations when Capital City Fire Rescue (CCFR) is in need of air transportation.

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 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.