



# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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January 28, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Michael Olivieri, Chief of Police

Subject: **Authorize a Sole Source Purchase Order to Helicopter Engine Repair Overhaul Services (HEROS) for Emergency Engine Repairs to the Police Department's Helicopter in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,450**

## OVERVIEW

**Recommendation** - That the City Council authorize a sole source purchase order to Helicopter Engine Repair Overhaul Services (HEROS) for emergency engine repairs to the Police Department's helicopter in an amount not to exceed \$30,450.

**Fiscal Impact** – The cost for engine repairs will total \$30,450. This amount will be covered with available budget from salary savings and will be transferred into the Aero Bureau's (101-2012-52415) Helicopter Maintenance account line.

**Previous Related Action** – None.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action on this item will approve a sole source purchase order to HEROS for emergency engine repairs for the Police helicopter.

## DISCUSSION

On December 7, 2018, the Police helicopter was forced into an emergency landing at an elementary school in the City of Duarte due to engine problems. Metal shavings had penetrated into the engine, causing the warning light to come on, forcing the emergency landing. The helicopter was towed back to Pomona following an evaluation by the helicopter mechanic, who determined it was not safe to fly.

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Police staff immediately identified HEROS to do an initial assessment of the helicopter engine. Several years ago, the City had successfully contracted with HEROS for Helicopter repairs as a result of a competitive bid process. Staff felt this company would be the most qualified and inexpensive option for the City in an emergency situation. The engine was removed from the helicopter and delivered to HEROS who responded quickly, disassembled the helicopter and ultimately pinpointed the source of the problem in the helicopter's engine. They determined that there was significant damage to the engine and it would require major engine repairs and overhaul.

The City of Pomona is an operational member of the Foothill Air Support Team JPA, not only providing air support services to the City of Pomona but also to eleven other cities in the San Gabriel Valley. Repairing the helicopter is necessary to not only provide continued air support and officer safety in Pomona, but to continue providing regional service through our contractual obligation to the JPA. As such, the need to have the helicopter repaired and placed back into service is a priority.

Pursuant to the City's Purchasing Code, Section 2-968, *Emergency purchases*, states that the purchase required "is for the immediate preservation of health, safety and welfare of the people" and "is for the immediate repair to existing city equipment which impacts ongoing city operations." HEROS currently is in possession of the Police helicopter's disassembled engine and has determined the cause of the problem. Therefore, the Police Department desires to have HEROS perform the work on the helicopter to ensure a timely turnaround and to place it back into service.

Attachment 1: HEROS Quote

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