

**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY OF PLACER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Brett Wood, Purchasing Manager  
**DATE:** December 9, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Helicopter Engine Support – Turbomeca USA Inc.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Approve the renewal of a negotiated blanket purchase order with Turbomeca USA Inc. of Grand Prairie, TX for helicopter engine support in the maximum amount of \$52,572, funded by the Sheriff's Office FY 2014-15 Final Budget with no new net County cost, for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, and authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resulting blanket purchase order.

**BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) requires the services of one or more qualified firms to provide service for the department's Eurocopter model helicopter. The helicopter is currently being serviced by two firms. Turbomeca of Grand Prairie, TX supports the internal engine equipment and Airbus Helicopters Inc. of Grand Prairie, TX supports the tail rotor blade components.

On March 25, 2014 your Board approved the renewal of Support-by-the-Hour Agreement, reference BP021202, with Turbomeca to service the Eurocopter AS-350 B3 engine. Turbomeca USA has extensive experience in providing similar services, and a thorough understanding of the department's needs. Turbomeca was also chosen based on their specialized knowledge of the aircraft and at the recommendation of the manufacturer. The blanket purchase order (BPO) expires on December 31, 2014.

PCSO has submitted a request to renew the service agreement with Turbomeca for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Turbomeca has requested a 3.50% increase in their service rates to the County. The new rate is consistent with the previous annual rate increases. Your Board's approval is required to proceed with a new one-year BPO in the maximum amount of \$52,572 and to authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resulting BPO.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Upon your Board's approval, a new BPO will be awarded to Turbomeca USA Inc. in the Sheriff's Office's requested maximum amount of \$52,572 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Purchases will be funded by the Sheriff's Office FY 2014-15 Final Budget with no additional impact to the General Fund. Funds are not encumbered until services are rendered against the BPO.

**cc:** Virginia Valenzuela, Senior Administrative Services Officer – Sheriff's Office  
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