



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Linda Gorton
Mayor

Kenneth Armstrong
Commissioner

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

Lawrence B. Weathers

FROM: Chief Lawrence B. Weathers
Lexington Police Department

CC: Commissioner Kenneth Armstrong
Department of Public Safety

DATE: February 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Thoroughbred Aviation Maintenance and Sole Source Certification

Request

Authorization to renew Thoroughbred Aviation Maintenance, Bell Helicopter Service, as a sole source vendor for the Lexington Police Department helicopter to operate safely, effectively and at the lowest possible cost.

Why are you requesting?

Thoroughbred Aviation is located in Lexington, KY and provides the Police Department service in a rapid manner within minutes of being called. The nearest helicopter service center is located in Piney Flats, TN. A savings will be recognized by using Thoroughbred Aviation due to being local and avoiding additional cost of flying the helicopter a long distance to be serviced.

The Police Department is requesting approval from the Urban County Council and Mayor Gorton in regards to renewing Thoroughbred Aviation Maintenance, Bell Helicopter Service Center as a sole source vendor for future repairs on our Department helicopter.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Funds are budgeted.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

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Director/Commissioner: Lawrence B. Weathers, Chief
Lexington Police Department

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