



**Purchasing Contract  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 15  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 05/26/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a 42-month contract with TURBOMECA USA, Grand Prairie, TX, for helicopter engine maintenance and overhaul support for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$328,059.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$31,243.71 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for the remaining 38-months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Police;

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mick Osborne, Sr. Buyer/974-2995

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** Sole source.

**MBE / WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this purchase.

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This agreement will provide for maintenance and overhaul support for the Arrius 2F engine in the American Eurocopter model EC120B helicopter operated by the Austin Police Department.

This Turbomeca USA program, called Support by the Hour® (SBH), provides maintenance and overhaul services for a fixed cost per flight hour of \$86.40 per hour. This hourly rate increases by 5% annually each January 1. SBH provides coverage for the expense involved in performing scheduled and unscheduled maintenance and repair, consumables for scheduled inspections, special maintenance tools, and the complete cost of the 3500-hour overhaul. All major parts and engine systems are covered under this program. Additionally, this program offers annual training for the APD aircraft mechanic and revision service for Turbomeca publications such as the engine maintenance manual, service bulletins, and spare parts catalog. The cost per hour is billed monthly based on the actual number of hours of engine operation. It is estimated that 1000 hours of operation will be put on the engine annually. The SBH program is an effective budgeting tool and it prevents APD from being faced with unexpected repair expenses.

Turbomeca USA is the manufacturer and sole provider of maintenance and repair parts for the Arrius 2F engine. Turbomeca is the only authorized repair station certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to perform services on this engine.