AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001903

MEETING DATE:	11/17/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:	Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):	All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:	Sheriff-Coroner
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):	Cory Martino, 714-647-1817 Scott Steinle, (657) 562-6292

SUBJECT: Approve Amendment Number One with DFC, Inc. dba Advanced Helicopter Services

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	DISCUSSION 3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	**Current Year Cost:** N/A	**Annual Cost:** N/A
Staffing Impact: No		**Sole Source:** No
Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A	**Funding Source:** N/A	**County Audit in Last 3 years:** No
Levine Act Review Completed? Yes		
Prior Board Action: 11/18/2025 #9		

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment Number One to the DFC, Inc. dba Advanced Helicopter Services contract for engine overhaul and repair of aircraft engines, to amend the original contract Additional Terms and Conditions paragraph 30. in part to add a second authorized subcontractor Black Mountain Aviation, LLC and to add Exhibit 1 Lease Agreement, effective upon Board of Supervisors approval.

2. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute, with approval as to forma by County Counsel, Advance Helicopter Services Lease Agreement as needed through the contract term.

SUMMARY:

Approval of Amendment Number One to the Contract with DFC, Inc. dba Advanced Helicopter Services for engine overhaul and repair of aircraft engines will allow the Sheriff-Coroner Department to add a second subcontractor and a lease agreement to continue to provide safe and dependable service.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Sheriff-Coroner Department (Sheriff), through its Aviation Support Unit, provides airborne law enforcement services through the use of three Airbus helicopters and two Bell helicopters. In addition to regular patrol functions, the helicopters are used for firefighting support, search and rescue operations in the Cleveland National Forest and off the Pacific Coast and marijuana eradication missions. The helicopters are also the lead airborne law enforcement resource for the County of Orange (County) in support of disaster relief and homeland security. The helicopters allow Sheriff to provide airborne support and assistance to areas within Sheriff's jurisdiction, plus other federal, state, county and city entities during mutual aid situations, including transport of emergency personnel and handling official business in support of County goals and objectives. Sheriff's helicopters participate in joint operations with the Orange County Fire Authority and provide contracted services to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (also known as CAL FIRE), the U.S. Forest Service and the City of Santa Ana.

Sheriff has been contracting out its overhaul and repair of aircraft engine services since 2007. On September 16, 2024, an Invitation for Bid was solicited for the overhaul and repair of aircraft engines. On September 30, 2024, one bid was received and evaluated. DFC, Inc. dba Advanced Helicopter Services (Advanced Helicopter) was the only responsive bidder. Reference checks were satisfactory and completed with the City of San Jose, County of Placer, and California Highway Patrol regarding similar services.

On November 18, 2025, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the contract with Advanced Helicopter for a three-year term of November 18, 2025, through November 17, 2028, in a not to exceed amount of $6.750 million, renewable for two additional one-year terms.

Sheriff now requests Board approve Amendment Number One to the contract with Advanced Helicopter to amend the original contract Additional Terms and Conditions paragraph 30. in part to add a second authorized subcontractor Black Mountain Aviation, LLC and to add Exhibit 1 Lease Agreement.

Contractor's performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. Sheriff has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractor's ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests. See Attachment B for the Contract Summary Form. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to this contract.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this contract are included in the Sheriff-Coroner's FY 2026-27 Budget for Budget Control 060 and will be included in the budgeting process in future years. The contract is contingent upon funding availability. In the event funding is reduced or terminated, the County may renegotiate the level of services and/or terminate the contract, as necessary.

STAFFING IMPACT:
N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment A - Amendment Number One to Contract MA-060-24010334
Attachment B - Contract Summary Form