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Good day Mrs. Miller,

There is an upcoming vote on funding for two new aircraft for the Sheriff's Department. I know they are in need of these valuable resources, but there are other aircraft out there that are a lot more cost effective than the one the is being requested for a sole source contract. Some of the parameters that are in the requested aircraft where chosen to make that the only one therfore they could sole source it. The aircraft being requested is a Cessna Caravan 208. This is a large and expensive aircraft to purchase but also to maintain. It's old technology and labor intensive. There are other manufactures offering newer designed aircraft that are much more efficient and cheaper to operate. Such as the Daher Kodiak 100, and even diamond aircraft. These two companies offer Surveillance ready airframes. Check out both of their websites you can even Google hourly operating costs to see the huge differences in the alternative aircraft. Please I ask you to put this up for a bid and to consider the alternatives. For example according to a leading aircraft website air.one aircompare the kodiak is 393 direct operating cost of per flight hour the Cessna Caravan is 571 direct operating cost per hour. So please please research this and ask for this to go out to bid for similar aircraft that can come from the manufacturer ready for ISR (surveillance).

Also the completion contractor to install the equipment on the Caravan was also some sourced to a company in California that had a back log of 6-9 months of work. There are completions companies in Arizona such as Able Engineering that are in need of work due to the covid 19 outbreak. Why are we not supporting local in state business's. Why are we sending tax prayers money to another state when we need to take care of Arizona first? Plus the taxes are a lot higher in California that could be thousands of dollars savings by keeping it in state. Please please question this. The company in California is not the only completion center but is the most expensive.

Please look into this and hopefully save some the tax prayers money and support the Sheriff's Department with much needed newer aircraft.

Thank you
From a very concerned tax payer and supporter.

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