



PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARAMENDA MATERIAL

Mark D. Napier, Sheriff

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August 28, 2020

Honorable Chairman and Members Pima County Board of Supervisors 130 W. Congress Street, 11th Floor Tucson, Az 85701

Re: Purchase of Aircraft

Honorable Chair and Supervisors,

On August 26, 2020, the Pima County Board of Supervisors received an email from a constituent expressing concerns regarding the purchase of Cessna aircraft for the Pima County Sheriff's Department. The constituent indicated that the County should consider other manufactures and subcontractors in the building and modification of the aircraft and not proceed with a Sole Source/No Substitute procurement process for the Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft.

Our team conducted extensive research into various aircraft types and different manufactures to identify the Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft as the best choice for the Sheriff's Department. I have attached an executive summary completed by our Specialized Response Division that manages our Air Unit. This executive summary describes the evaluation conducted by our staff of the various aircraft types and manufacturers. The constituent also expressed a concern regarding the use of Hangar One Avionics as our selection for installation of our infrared camera system and associated law enforcement equipment. This executive summary also outlines our long history with Hangar One Avionics and the rationale for continuing to use them as our vendor for equipment installation.

In summary, the Cessna 208 Caravan is the best choice with respect to cost, training, support, quality of manufacture, and long service history. I support the Sole Source/No Substitute procurement request and believe that this aircraft purchase is in the best interest of public safety and Pima County.

Respectfully,

Mark D. Nanier Sherif

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cc: Mr. C.H. Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator



PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Mark D. Napier, Sheriff

MEMORANDUM

Date:

August 27, 2020

To:

Sheriff Mark D. Napier, via Chain of Command

From:

Captain G. Anderson, Specialized Response Division Commander

Response Concerning Proposed Procurement Project - Cessna Aircraft and

Subject:

Hangar One Avionics Completion Center

On August 26, 2020, Mr. Mike Edwards, a self-described concerned taxpayer, emailed Pima County Board of Supervisor's Office District 5 regarding an upcoming vote on the purchase of two (2) Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft. In summary, Mr. Edwards' concerns and/or requests centered on the following:

- Cessna Caravan are large and expensive aircraft to operate and maintain
- Cessna Caravan aircraft are old technology and labor intensive
- Consideration of purchasing aircraft from a different manufacturer, such as the Daher Kodiak 100 or comparable Diamond Aircraft Industries aircraft
- Questions the preference of Hangar One Avionics in Carlsbad, California to complete the builds of the Cessna Caravan, over companies in Arizona, such as Abel Engineering in Mesa
- Hangar One Avionics operates on a 6-9 month backlog

Mr. Edwards' concerns as a Pima County taxpayer are understandable and taken under great consideration during planning stages of this project. The proposed acquisition of these aircraft and camera systems has been a major component of the Sheriff's Department Strategic Plan to sustain mission readiness well into the future. Extensive research and planning was conducted to procure the most reliable and cost effective public safety assets for the Air Unit and the citizens of Pima County. Below is an excerpt from the No Substitute/Sole Source (NS/SS) Procurement Justification (RQS/RQM) dated June 18, 2020:

Therefore, the Sheriff's Department is requesting consideration for a "No Substitute" purchase of two Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft. Textron Avionics/Cessna Corporation, in Wichita, Kansas, builds the aircraft solely without any third party mechanical or structural modifications. These are the only single engine turboprop aircraft equipped with the Pratt and Whitney PT6-114A engine and approved camera mounts required to carry the infrared camera systems. Moreover, Textron Avionics/Cessna Corporation is the only manufacturer that offers pilot training at no additional cost. This training is conducted via flight simulator at Flight Safety Textron Aviation Training, where pilots learn about the characteristics and systems, before flying the aircraft. The PCSD Air Support Unit's maintenance shop and general aviation equipment have been structured specifically to support Cessna turboprop aircraft. Likewise, the Department aircraft technicians have accumulated extensive training and experience working on Cessna aircraft and the PT6-114A, a Pratt and Whitney turboprop engine. Moreover, Department pilots have undergone many years of training with Cessna turboprop aircraft. These factors illustrate why transitioning to the Cessna 208 Caravan is the safest, most logical, and cost effective option.

In addition to the "No Substitute" purchase, the Sheriff's Department requests a "Sole Source" purchase for a number of reasons. Textron Avionics/Cessna Corporation is the sole manufacturer of the Cessna 208 Caravan aircraft. The aircraft are equipped solely with Textron/Cessna approved technologies. Only Textron/Cessna offers new Cessna 208

Caravan planes. Textron/Cessna is the only vendor that provides a two (2) year or 1,000-hour airframe warranty, a 1,000-hour engine warranty, and a five (5) year or 5,000-hour warranty on all included Garmin avionics. Additionally, only this vendor offers a discount of \$327,545.00 for each aircraft. This amounts to a total of \$655,090.00 savings for the Department and the citizens of Pima County.

Air Unit personnel, including pilots and mechanics, considered many factors over the course of this project to purchase a safe and reliable aircraft for the Department. The following illustrates several of these factors by aircraft manufacturer and type:

Cessna 208 Caravan Aircraft

- Cessna offers two versions of the Caravan aircraft. The most common and widely known version is known as either the Cessna Grand Caravan, Grand Caravan EX, or Cessna 208B. This aircraft has been in production since the 1980's and has gone through many different updates and changes since that time to remain a modern aircraft with the latest technologies. An 867 horsepower Pratt & Whitney engine powers this version of the aircraft, and can be expensive to operate due to high fuel consumption
- The aircraft that the Sheriff's Department is requesting to purchase is known as either the Cessna Caravan, 675 Cessna or Cessna 208. This version of the Caravan model aircraft is four (4) feet shorter than the larger Grand Caravan (208B) that most people think of when they hear about a Cessna Caravan. It too went into production in the 1980's and has also gone through many different updates and changes to remain a modern aircraft with the latest technologies. A smaller 675 horsepower Pratt & Whitney engine, which is more fuel-efficient, powers this version of the Caravan aircraft. This is especially true when the aircraft is flown in a "loiter" or low speed orbit. The Sheriff's Department flight missions are almost exclusively flown in a low speed orbit and not at a cruising speed where fuel consumption will be higher.
- The Cessna Caravan aircraft is known as a "work horse" in the aviation industry and has proven to be reliable, dependable, and safe. It is currently in use throughout the world and is a certified aircraft in 117 countries. To date, over 2,600 Cessna Caravan (208 and 208B models) aircraft have been built.
- Published operating costs for different aircraft vary greatly between authors and can be very subjective depending on the goal. The operating costs, as provided by Cessna, of the Cessna 208 that the Sheriff's Department is requesting to purchase are approximately \$193.00 per hour based on a fuel price of \$4.20 per gallon. As the Department pays considerably less per gallon of fuel and performs all of its own maintenance, these costs will be even lower.
- The operating costs for the larger and more common Cessna Grand Caravan are considerably higher because of its much larger engine. When Cessna was originally contacted about this purchase, the sales representative stated that Cessna would most likely have Cessna Grand Caravan aircraft for sale and that they would probably sell these larger more expensive aircraft for the price of the less expensive and smaller Caravan aircraft that the Department was requesting.
- This option was considered. However, based on the higher fuel consumption for a larger engine in the Grand Caravan, the operating costs would be significantly higher than the Caravan's would over the life of these aircraft.

- Cessna manufactures all three fixed-wing aircraft currently in use by the Department. The full-time aircraft mechanics employed by the Department have decades of combined experience working on Cessna aircraft and the Pratt & Whitney engines that power the Cessna Caravan. Additionally, included with the purchase of the Caravan, each of our aircraft mechanics will receive eight (8) days of free training on the specifics of the latest versions of the Cessna Caravan and Pratt & Whitney engine. If another less common and/or lesser-known type of aircraft were to be purchased, the Department could easily spend tens of thousands of dollars and many months of time in training the aircraft mechanics to maintain and repair different aircraft.
- All current Department pilots have been flying Cessna aircraft for many years. They also have decades of combined experience and have logged thousands of hours of flight time in Cessna aircraft. It is widely known among pilots that flying a Cessna Caravan is very similar to flying a Cessna 206 that has been in use by the Department since 2013. The transition to a more modern aircraft with modern avionics will require additional training but the flight characteristics for both aircraft are very similar. Also included with the purchase of the Caravan are nine (9) days of pilot training for each of the Department's pilots. Again, the Department could easily spend tens of thousands of dollars and many months of time in training the pilots in a different style or type of aircraft.
- Parts, technical assistance, and customer support are readily available for Cessna aircraft. Many of its aircraft that were built by Cessna over fifty years ago are still supported. In addition to parts directly available from Cessna, there are multiple aftermarket companies producing certified parts and components for various Cessna aircraft. Many smaller aircraft companies cannot provide this type of support for their aircraft.
- At minimum, seven other leading law enforcement agencies across the United States are currently utilizing either the Cessna Caravan or the larger Cessna Grand Caravan as surveillance platform aircraft, equipped with IR camera systems to perform identical law enforcement missions due their longstanding capabilities, dependability and lower operating costs when compared to most other law enforcement aircraft.

The Department considered both Daher Kodiak 100 and Diamond Aircraft Industries aircraft. In addition to the reasons cited above to purchase a Cessna Caravan, several factors listed below were carefully considered before determining that these aircraft would not be the optimal solution.

Daher Kodiak 100

- The Kodiak is a larger aircraft than the current Cessna 206 aircraft in use by the Department and smaller than the Cessna Caravan. The size of the Kodiak makes it a good option for Department use, but was not selected for the following reasons:
- Currently, there is not an FAA certified infrared (IR) camera mount for the Kodiak aircraft. There
 has been discussion in the aviation industry for several years that an IR camera mount will be
 approved for this aircraft, but to date, nothing has been FAA approved.
- Procurement of Kodiak aircraft without an FAA approved IR camera mount, the entire aircraft would cease to be a FAA certified aircraft. The aircraft would then have to operate under the FAA "Public Use" classification. In 2013, the Department made the decision not to operate "Public Use" aircraft and sold both of its Helio-Courier aircraft that were classified as "Public Use". This decision was made because operating non-FAA certified aircraft greatly increases the liability to Pima County should an accident ever occur. Additionally, the FAA is not as lenient in allowing "Public Use"

classified aircraft as it has been in the past. Finally, aircraft classified as "Public Use" do not hold the same resale value as comparable FAA certified aircraft.

- The Kodiak aircraft was originally developed and sold by the Quest Aircraft Company, and has since been sold to the Daher Corporation. This aircraft is also known as a "work horse" and was introduced in 2004. However, as of 2018, only 250 of these aircraft have been built. Because of the relatively new design and low number of aircraft in service, it is unknown how these aircraft will hold up after many years of service.
- The entry level cost for the Kodiak aircraft is approximately \$200,000.00 more than a comparably equipped Cessna Caravan.
- The Kodiak aircraft is equipped with a 750 horsepower Pratt & Whitney engine and the fuel consumption and subsequent operating costs of this aircraft will be higher than the Cessna Caravan that the Department is requesting.
- Since the Department pilots and mechanics have no experience in these aircraft, the transition to flying and maintaining these aircraft will be costly and time consuming.

Diamond Aircraft Industries

- Diamond Aircraft manufactures two models of aircraft that are equipped to carry IR cameras. These aircraft are manufactured in Austria and Canada, and their primary market is focused on military use. These aircraft are powered by diesel engines and are known for good fuel economy.
- Both models of Diamond aircraft are extremely small. The cabin space is smaller than the Cessna 206s currently in use by the Department, which makes long surveillance missions very taxing on the crew. Because of the small size and usable weight load of the Diamond aircraft, they would frequently be operating at maximum capacity with standard equipment and crews in use by the Department.
- Because these aircraft are manufactured in other countries, it is unknown how easily parts and support for these aircraft will be to obtain. There are currently no known users of this aircraft with an IR camera in the United States.
- Diamond aircraft are low wing designs, meaning the wing is under the fuselage. The low wing
 design inhibits the vison of the pilot and observer in viewing what is below them, and this could
 easily make missions less successful.
- The Diamond aircraft are twin-engine designs. The Diamond aircraft engines have 1,500-hour engine overhaul requirement compared to an almost 4,000-hour engine overhaul requirement for the Cessna Caravan. Because of the lower number of flight hours between overhauls, the Diamond aircraft would be out of service more often than the Cessna Caravan.
- The Cessna Caravan has much better performance specifications at higher altitudes and hot environments than the Diamond aircraft. Ultimately, the better performance of the Cessna Caravan in hot climates and higher above sea level altitudes that are found in Pima County will make it a safer aircraft to operate.
- The Diamond aircraft are made of a carbon fiber material. Repairs to this type of material can be very time consuming and expensive. Additionally, specialized training and tools would be needed in order for the Department's mechanics to repair this material. The Cessna Caravan is made of

- aluminum sheet metal, which all Department mechanics have the specialized training, experience, and proper tools to repair.
- Our current FLIR representative researched the Diamond aircraft using FLIR camera systems and said that several years ago, Diamond had a FLIR camera system mounted on a demonstration aircraft. The demonstration aircraft toured the country visiting law enforcement agencies in the hopes of selling this new platform to these agencies. Apparently, Diamond did not sell any of their systems to LE agencies and returned the camera system to FLIR. The FLIR representative also said that do to a lack of interest, Diamond closed their US dealership for LE platforms.

Concerning the Department opting for Hangar One Avionics in Carlsbad, California, to complete builds of the Cessna Caravan aircraft over companies in Arizona, listed below are several factors that were carefully considered:

- Pima County has maintained a Master Agreement and has established a professional relationship with this company for many years. Hangar One Avionics completed the law enforcement equipment build on the Department helicopter in 2012, two Cessna 206s in 2013 and 2014, and the Cessna 310 in 2020. Hangar One Avionics has always provided exceptional service, communication, and support on all work they have performed on Department aircraft.
- Entrusting a known and reputable vendor in Pima County is both necessary and fiscally responsible, considering the costs associated with a project of this size and importance.
- Hangar one Avionics is widely known to be one of the largest and most preferred completion centers of law enforcement aircraft in the United States. They specialize in the installation of FLIR camera systems and law enforcement specific equipment and avionics systems.
- Hangar One Avionics is an authorized FLIR vendor, and according to FLIR representatives, their
 most preferred vendor due to the knowledge, professionalism, and quality of work consistently
 provided by Hangar One Avionics.
- Upon inquiry about Abel Engineering, a FLIR representative indicated he was not familiar with the company nor did he know if the company has any experience installing FLIR camera systems.
- Considering scheduled work with Hangar One Avionics over the years, we have found that they are normally 4-6 months out on scheduling any work. At the beginning of this Cessna Caravan/FLIR camera purchase project, Hangar One Avionics representatives were contacted to schedule the Cessna Caravan completion builds, based on the estimated completion date of the Caravans provided. On several occasions, Hangar One Avionics representatives have adjusted appointments for Pima County aircraft on short notice to better accommodate our needs.
- While working with Hangar One Avionics representatives on the Caravan aircraft completion builds, they provided the valuable information on ways to save operating costs by transferring mission specific equipment from current Cessna 206s to the new Cessna Caravans. Additionally, Hangar One Avionics staff spent considerable time researching quality equipment that would fit into the available budget for this project.
- The Arizona Department of Public Safety, Maricopa County Sheriff's Department, and Phoenix Police Department, all major law enforcement agencies with headquarters in the Phoenix area, utilize Hangar One Avionics for aircraft builds and avionics. Moreover, other law enforcement

- agencies, including La Paz County Sheriff's Department and Salt River Police Department contract services through this reputable company.
- Sgt. "Paul" Hill (Air Unit) learned that the company referred to in Mr. Edwards' email, is now called Able Aerospace Services and is owned by the Textron Corporation, who also owns Cessna.
- Sgt. Hill contacted Able Aerospace Services in Mesa and spoke with an employee regarding the type of work they performed at their facility. The employee advised that their company is primarily focused on helicopter installations, but they do work on fixed wing aircraft as well. He added that they have not worked on a Caravan airplane but that they could. Sgt. Hill asked if they had experience in the various systems we are looking to install in the Caravan airplane. The employee said they have installed FLIR cameras, Aerocomputer systems, etc., but that they have only installed these systems on helicopters. Finally, the employee advised that although their company felt as though they were capable of completing the types of builds we are looking for on the Caravan, he was not sure that they were willing or able to do this type of build. The employee would discuss this project with his team and get back to Sgt. Hill later today (08/28/20).

Attachment A

Approved No Sub Sole Source Form November 2016

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: NO SUBSTITUTE/SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT FORM (Rev. 1/6/16)

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Pima County Sheriff's Department

Chris Nanos, Sheriff

To: Chief Lopez, Operations Bureau From: Sergeant Grisham, Air Unit 🖊

Supervisor

Re: Hangar One

Date: November 8, 2016

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Computer equipment and BMS Down-link systems and have them work in concert with each other, within all of our aircraft.

 Hangar One can provide the Sheriff's Department with the required FAA approved engineering data for any equipment installed or modified. This approval is necessary and required by the FAA to keep our aircraft certified.

The Sheriff's Department needs to have a vendor that is familiar with our aircraft and its unique configurations. As equipment is upgraded or replaced the vendor needs be able to install the desired equipment and have it work in concert with our existing onboard systems. Hangar One has the schematics, the knowledge of our aircraft; which will greatly reduce any downtime we may experience on future avionic maintenance or upgrade requirements. They have the hangar space to work and house our aircraft.

I have conducted a search of other Avionic shops within the 400NM requirement:

- Western Avlonics; I spoke to Scott Erickson (714-955-6151) he stated that they do work on a few police aircraft. When asked about being a service center for Broadcast Microwave Systems and Aero Computers; he said they had worked on a few in the past.
 - Reference; New Port Beach Police Department. I spoke to Russ (949-252-5181) at their Aviation Unit. He said that Western Avionics "did ok work, however, their paperwork was not great"

I recommend that a No-Sub contract be pursued with Hangar One Avionics, located in Carlsbad, California.

Attachment B

Pima County Procurement Memorandum

Date: January 10, 2017

Re: Hangar One Avionics Inc.



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2017

To: Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator

From: Mary Jo Furphy, Procurement Director

Re: Hangar One Avionics Inc.

I have reviewed the documentation provided, including the memorandum from Sergeant Grisham. The memorandum does mention another potential avionic shop, Western Avionics. In fact, Western Avionics was contacted by Sergeant Grisham and based on the verbiage in the memorandum, it does imply that they may be able to perform the required services and provide the required parts. Documentation of a verbal reference was also included. While the details were minimal, they should have been further validated. Yesterday, discussions were held with Lieutenant Carpenter and Sergeant Grisham to further understand their requirements.

Additionally, I further researched if there were any other potential contractors. The only other potential contractor that was found within the required distance was Rotorcraft Support in Van Nuys, CA. The next closest potential contractor was located in Dallas, TX which is 716 nautical miles and outside of the required area.

Rotorcraft Support and Western Avionics were both contacted to determine if they could potentially meet our needs. Rotorcraft Support responded that they do not meet our requirements but may be able to help on the purchasing of parts. Western Avionics stated that they were not a complete shop and could not meet our requirements, with the helicopter being the main issue. They stated we needed a complete shop that could perform avionic and airframe work on both classes of aircraft. They recommended Hangar One as the only shop they were aware of that could meet the requirements.

The potential for a cooperative procurement was also researched. We were not able to identify any contracts for this purpose.

Based on further review of the documentation and additional research, I confirm that this is a sole source based on the Sheriff Department's requirements and that a competitive process is not required.

Attachment

c: The Honorable Mark Napier, Sheriff C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator



MEMORANDUM

Administration Services

Date: January 9, 2017

Deputy County Administrator

Procurement Director

Re: Hanger One Avionics Inc.

To: Mary Jo Furphy

I am returning to you the contract and Board of Supervisors Agenda Item Report for the Hanger One Avionics Inc. contract for helicopter repair. The documentation indicated that this is a sole source procurement. In reviewing the detailed documentation to support sole source designation, my Impression is that there are other entities that provide this service within the 400 nautical miles requested. Please review the documentation and confirm that you concur that this is a sole source and that competition is not required.

The contract is for 5 years at \$640,000 annually, for a total of \$3.2 million.

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c: The Honorable Mark Napier, Sheriff C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT CONTRACTS / AWARDS / GRANTS

Requested Board Meeting Date: January 17, 2017

or Procurement Director Award

Contractor/Vendor Name (DBA): Hanger One Avionics Inc. (Headquarters: Carlsbad, CA)

Project Title/Description:
Aircraft Avionics Services

Purpose:

Award of Contract: Master Agreement No. MA-PO-17-147. Contract is for an initial term of one (1) year in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$640,000.00 with four (4) one-year renewal options.

Administering Department: Sheriff

Procurement Method:

Pursuant to Pima County Procurement Code 11.12.050, Sole Source Procurement, award of Requisition No.17-112 is recommended to Hanger One Avionics, which has accepted the terms of the County's Offer Agreement.

Attachment: Sheriff's Department Memorandum and Master Agreement

Program Goals/Predicted Outcomes:

The establishment of this agreement will allow the Sheriff's Department to safely continue flight operations, enhancing the safety of the deputies and public.

Public Benefit:

Continued safe flight operations, enhancing public safely related to the Sheriff's fixed-winged aircraft and rescue helicopter.

Metrics Available to Measure Performance:

Monitor vendor to perform all assessments and maintenance in a timely manner with precision and quality.

Retroactive:

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The Sheriff's Department needs to have a vendor that is familiar with our aircraft and its unique configurations. As equipment is upgraded or replaced the vendor needs be able to install the desired equipment and have it work in concert with our existing onboard systems. Hangar One has the schematics, the knowledge of our aircraft; which will greatly reduce any downtime we may experience on future avionic maintenance or upgrade requirements. They have the hangar space to work and house our aircraft.

I have conducted a search of other Avianic shops within the 400NM requirement:

- Western Avionics; I spoke to Scott Erickson (714-955-6151) he stated that they do work on a few police aircraft. When asked about being a service center for Broadcast Microwave Systems and Aero Computers; he said they had worked on a few in the past.
 - o Reference; New Port Beach Police Department. I spoke to Russ (949-252-5181) at their Aviation Unit. He said that Western Avianics "did ok work, however, their paperwork was not great"

I recommend that a No-Sub contract be pursued with Hangar One Avionics, located in Carlsbad, California.

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