

RESOLUTION NO. RES-11-0011

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
5 MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOS  
6 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, WITHOUT  
7 ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO  
8 2003 EUROCOPTER AS350B-2 ASTAR HELICOPTERS IN  
9 AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,446,150  
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11 WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department ("LASD") owns two  
12 2003 Eurocopter AS350B-2 Astar helicopters; and

13 WHEREAS, the Long Beach Police Department ("LBPD") is seeking to  
14 acquire helicopters for the Field Support Division; and

15 WHEREAS, the purchase of the LASD helicopters will allow the LBPD to  
16 acquire helicopters that are proven effective law enforcement aircrafts that are used by  
17 police departments within Los Angeles County and southern California; and

18 WHEREAS, the used LASD 2003 Eurocopter AS350B-2 helicopters are  
19 specially equipped to support police operations, with features such as moving maps, law  
20 enforcement inter-operability communications equipment, Nightsun search light, public  
21 address system, accident avoidance radar, wire strike safety system, Night Vision  
22 compatible instrumentation, high visibility rotor blades and landing safety light system;  
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24 WHEREAS, the purchase of used helicopters will allow LBPD to place them  
25 into service within weeks of receiving the aircraft; and

26 WHEREAS, ordering new fully-equipped police helicopters would require  
27 approximately twelve to eighteen months to receive and cost approximately \$3 million per  
28 helicopter; and

1           WHEREAS, LASD is the only local agency that is currently selling this  
2 aircraft and LBPB is familiar with their aircraft maintenance; and

3           WHEREAS, as a result, no useful purpose would be served by advertising  
4 for bids and to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary  
5 expenditure of public funds because the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department is the  
6 only entity that could or would bid for the furnishing of these used helicopters to the City  
7 on the terms specified;

8           NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
9 follows:

10           Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter a contract  
11 with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department without advertising for bids for the  
12 purchase of two 2003 Eurocopter AS350B-2 Astar helicopters in an amount not to  
13 exceed \$3,446,150, including tax, with the additional expenditure amount of \$75,000 for  
14 outfitting costs.

15           Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
16 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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1 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
2 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of February 1, 2011 by the  
3 following vote:

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Ayes: Councilmembers: Garcia, Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell,  
Schipske, Andrews, Johnson, Gabelich,  
Neal.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

  
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City Clerk

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