



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration Aircraft Registration application to allow for delivery of the Airbus H125 Helicopter.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aircraft Registration application to allow for delivery of the Airbus H125 Helicopter.

- Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorized purchase of Airbus H125 Helicopter in the amount of \$3,995,620.00 on September 8, 2022.
- Mosquito Control uses helicopters for aerial larviciding, an essential function for ensuring public health, safety, and welfare.
- Delivery of Airbus H125 is expected January 18, 2024.
- FAA requires owner-signed registration form be kept in the Aircraft.
- Board authorized assignment of numeric special registration from the current to new helicopter on October 31, 2024.
- County Administrator is authorized to sign the register form.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Practice Superior Environmental Stewardship

3.3 Protect and improve the quality of our water, air, and other natural resources

Deliver First-Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

The FAA requires a registration form be signed by the owner of the helicopter and be kept in the Aircraft. This signed form is a legal requirement to fly the aircraft. The FAA will not release the helicopter without the signed form. The delivery flight to the County is anticipated to occur on January 18, 2024.

### **Background/Explanation:**

The helicopter purchase was approved by the Board on September 8, 2022. The County's previous helicopter, a 1967 Bell TH-13T, had long exceeded its useful life. The purchase addressed issues of

increasing maintenance to provide reliable mosquito control operations throughout the County.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Delegated Authority:**

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this form is granted under (Code Section 2-62 (a)(1).

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Kelli Hammer Levy, Director, Public Works

**Partners:**

FAA

**Attachments:**

Aircraft Registration Application

Purchase Authorization Goods Agreement - FE

Delivery Affidavit