

# STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Support Services



## ADDENDUM ONE

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) 2023 1000 0054

EXCLUSIVE USE HELICOPTER SERVICES IN SOLDOTNA AREA

ISSUED NOVEMBER 7, 2022

This addendum is being issued to answer questions from vendors.

**Important Note to Offerors:** You are required to sign and return this page of the amendment document with your bid. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of your bid. Only the ITB terms and conditions referenced in this addendum are being changed. All other terms and conditions of the ITB remain the same. This Addendum One is hereby made part of the ITB and is a total of three pages.

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## QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY OFFERORS AND ANSWER FROM THE STATE

**Question 1:** *What is the actual hours flown per year? (5 year average)*

**Answer 1:** Five year average is 68 hours of flight time.

**Question 2:** *When the tank or truck needs to be filled can the contractor make the decision to top off fuel and self-dispatch or only when the state requests the tank to be filled?*

**Answer 2:** All fuel truck coordination and communication need to be done at the Soldotna or other operating Area level, which would include the Vendor Pilot, Mechanic and Fuel truck driver, Helicopter Manager, local FMO and Dispatch. It is the intent to always have enough fuel in the fuel truck to support the Soldotna helicopter for an 8 hour day.

**Question 3:** *If the tank is taken to be filled is that considered dispatched and milage for refuel trips billable?*

**Answer 3:** No. Not if the truck is at the Soldotna base. Fuel could be delivered to the truck at the Soldotna base. If the truck is on a dispatch while supporting the helicopter, in or out of the area, the mileage can be charged.

**Question 4:** *If the helicopter is dispatched out of area with the mechanic, does the truck need to be crewed to support other helicopters while the helicopter is gone?*

**Answer 4:** If the helicopter leaves the area, the decision to move the fuel truck will be made at the appropriate level and communicated to the vendor. The intent is for the fuel truck to support the Soldotna helicopter as ordered.

**Question 5:** *If in area can the truck be dispatched without the helicopter to support other helicopters?*

**Answer 5:** Possibly. If the Soldotna helicopter was unavailable, the truck could be ordered to support other DOFFP helicopters, as long as it isn't interrupting the Soldotna helicopters operations, IE: the Mechanic serving as the driver while maintenance needs to be performed.

**Question 6:** *If the helicopter is AOG in area supporting other helicopters, mechanic will be unavailable for refueling, is that acceptable?*

**Answer 6:** Company operation plans should include who can operate the fuel truck and allow the pilot to dispense fuel from the truck in the absence of the mechanic.

**Question 7:** *How can I build in to our daily helicopter rate for an unknown amount of days of fuel truck driver availability/ room and board/ transportation to and from Soldotna if needed?*

**Answer 7:** In the past, the Soldotna helicopter has left the area for short durations to support Initial Attack. For longer durations out of area, the seasonal total is generally about 2 weeks' time.

**Question 8:** *Can the contract be amended to be similar to a federal contracts and have a truck line item day rate and overtime for truck driver at federal rates?*

**Answer 8:** No.

**Question 9:** *If out of area would the truck ever get dispatched away from the Soldotna helicopter to service other helicopters in other areas?*

**Answer 9:** Not likely , as the fuel truck priority is to support the Soldotna helicopter. In the event that a fuel truck was needed for support of other helicopters, coordination and communication between the Vendor and DOFFP would be required to justify the request.

**Question 10:** *Can we have an additional line item added for the truck day rate while out of area?*

**Answer 10:** No.

**Question 11:** *Can you add a separate day rate on the contract?*

**Answer 11:** No.

**Question 12:** *Can you delete the truck/trailer from the contract? And make it a separate contract?*

**Answer 12:** No.

**Question 13:** *What is the expected use of the truck that we would have to provide a driver?*

**Answer 13:** After the helicopter leaves the area, the intent is to have a separate fuel truck driver to provide that service and relieve the mechanic from performing in two functions.

**END OF ADDENDUM 1**