

# Memorandum

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## Office of Emergency Management

TO: County Manager, Doug Debord

FROM: Director of Emergency Management, Mike Alexander

DATE: March 11, 2025

SUBJ: Sole Source Justification – 10 Tanker Air Carrier

The Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval for sole source of 10 Tanker. We currently have a call when needed contract with this company and several helicopter companies. 10 Tanker is a firefighting resource based in Albuquerque, NM. We may have a need in the future to use a Very Large Air Tanker (VLAT) on a wildland fire in Douglas County.

Emergency Management trains on a regular basis with other partners in aviation operations. The experience and professionalism of this company is very evident. We are fortunate to have this resource available near Colorado. This company will be a force multiplier with helicopter companies when the situation calls for this resource.

Douglas County has successfully maintained call when needed contracts with 10 Tanker since 2015. 10 Tanker's rates are very expensive. However, the cost, along with the location of the operation, makes this company a resource to Douglas County.

I offer this sole-source justification for the following reasons: 1) we have a current call when needed contract with several helicopter companies and are looking for additional resources, 2) The experience and professionalism of 10 Tanker along with our training and operational experience are key, 3) 10 Tanker is very cost effective in comparison to the catastrophic loss from an Urban Interface Fire. 10 Tanker is located close by in Albuquerque, NM.

Approved By:

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Douglas Debord, County Manager

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TO: County Manager, Doug Debord  
FROM: Director of Emergency Management, Mike Alexander  
DATE: March 11, 2025  
SUBJ: Sole Source Justification – HeliQwest International

The Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval for sole source of HeliQwest. We currently have call when needed contracts with rotor wing and fixed wing companies. HeliQwest is a helicopter firefighting resource based in Broomfield, CO. We may have a need in the future to use HeliQwest helicopters on a wildland fire in Douglas County.

Emergency Management trains on a regular basis with other partners in aviation operations. The experience and professionalism of this company is very evident. Many other jurisdictions contract with HeliQwest for aerial fire suppression, including our DFPC and USFS partners. This company will be a force multiplier with other helicopter companies when the situation calls for this resource.

Douglas County has successfully maintained call when needed contracts with HeliQwest since 2015. The proximity of HeliQwest makes this company a resource to Douglas County.

I offer this sole-source justification for the following reasons: 1) we have a current call when needed contract with several helicopter companies and are looking for additional resources, 2) The experience and professionalism of HeliQwest along with our training and operational experience are key, 3) HeliQwest is very cost effective in comparison to other companies located further away. HeliQwest International is located close by in Broomfield, CO.

Approved By:

Signed by:  
*Doug Debord*  
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TO: County Manager, Doug Debord  
FROM: Director of Emergency Management, Mike Alexander  
DATE: March 11, 2025  
SUBJ: Sole Source Justification – Trans Aero LTD

The Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval for sole source of Trans Aero LTD. We currently have call when needed contracts with several rotor wing and fixed wing companies. Trans Aero is a helicopter firefighting resource based in Loveland, CO. We may have a need in the future to use Trans Aero helicopters on a wildland fire in Douglas County.

Emergency Management trains on a regular basis with other partners in aviation operations. The experience and professionalism of this company is very evident. Many other jurisdictions have contracted with this company for aerial fire suppression including our USFS partners. This company will be a force multiplier with other helicopter companies when the situation calls for this resource.

Douglas County has successfully maintained call when needed contracts with Trans Aero since 2015. The proximity of Trans Aero makes this company a resource to Douglas County.

I offer this sole-source justification for the following reasons: 1) we have a current call when needed contract with several helicopter companies and are looking for additional resources, 2) The experience and professionalism of Trans Aero along with our training and operational experience are key, 3) Trans Aero is very cost effective in comparison to other companies located further away. Trans Aero LTD is located close by in Loveland, CO.

Approved By:

Signed by:  
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Douglas Debord, County Manager

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