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## AFGHAN AIR FORCE TO EXPAND FLEET OF MD 530F CAYUSE WARRIOR HELICOPTERS

The award is the fourth Delivery Order issued against MDHI's \$1.4B IDIQ

Mesa, Ariz, November 25, 2019 – MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) is proud to announce receipt of the fourth Delivery Order issued against its 5-year, \$1.4 billion light scout attack helicopter IDIQ contract. The Firm Fixed-Price award is for up to 12 armed MD 530F Cayuse Warrior helicopters for the Afghan Air Force (AAF), currently the largest MD 530F Cayuse Warrior operator globally.

Awarded through U.S. Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, on behalf of the Multinational Aviation Special Project Office (MASPO), this award follows the successful delivery of all aircraft ordered via Delivery Order 1.

"The MD 530F Cayuse Warrior has played a critical role in creating an effective and sustainable air force in Afghanistan," said Lynn Tilton, Chief Executive Officer for MD Helicopters, Inc. "We are honored to be the light scout attack helicopter of choice for the Afghan Air Force and a growing number of partner nation aviation forces."

The IDIQ Contract vehicle ensures an estimated quantity of up to 150 armed MD 530F Cayuse Warrior and/or MD 530G attack helicopters are available to U.S. and Partner Nation Military Forces. To date, 54 of 150 helicopters are currently under contract with multiple operators.

Powered by the Rolls-Royce 250-C30 650shp turbine engine, all Afghan Air Force MD 530F Cayuse Warrior light scout attack helicopters feature:

- An advanced, all glass cockpit
- Ballistically tolerant crashworthy fuel system (main and auxiliary)
- DillonAero Fixed-Forward Sighting System
- DillonAero Mission Configurable Armament System (MCAS)
- Ballistic armor protection
- FN Herstal HMP 400 .50 caliber Machine Gun Pods
- M260 7-shot rocket pods

"The MD 530F Cayuse Warrior is a preferred and proven platform for light scout attack combat operations," Tilton concludes. "The ongoing receipt of orders for this best-in-class aircraft is more than gratifying; it is validation that this iconic, American Made helicopter will remain an essential resource for military and para-military operators in the global fight for freedom."

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## About MD Helicopters, Inc.

MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI), a woman-owned small business, is a leading rotorcraft manufacturer of American Made commercial, military, law enforcement & air-rescue helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility and performance. Commercial offerings include the MD 500E, MD 530F, MD 520N, MD 600N and twin-engine MD 902 Explorer. The MD 530F Cayuse Warrior, MD 530G Attack Helicopter, and MD 969 Twin Attack Helicopter comprise the company's military offerings. A key feature of the MD 902, MD 969, MD 600N and MD 520N is the innovative NOTAR® system for antitorque control with no tail rotor – exclusively by MDHI to provide safer, quieter performance and confined-area access capability.

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