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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY PURCHASES MD 530F

TVA adds new MD 530F to support utility and environmental missions throughout service areas

Mesa, Ariz., September 7, 2018 – [MD Helicopters, Inc.](#) (MDHI) is proud to announce the purchase of a new MD 530F by Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The proven MD 530F, single-engine helicopter is configured to support powerline utility, inspections, and construction operations throughout TVA's multi-state service area, as well as increase safety and reduce costs. This will be the third MDHI F-model to join the TVA fleet.

TVA is the largest public power utility in the United States and one of the largest producers of electricity in the country.

"The MD 530F is revered for its safe, reliable and cost-effective operation in a broad range of utility missions," said Lynn Tilton, Chief Executive Officer for MD Helicopters, Inc. "We could not be more pleased that TVA chose to add another MD 530F helicopter to their fleet."

TVA's new MD 530F is the first commercially delivered F-model with MDHI's newest all-glass single-engine cockpit that includes:

- Howell Instruments Electronic Engine Instruments and Crew Alert System (EICAS)
- Garmin G500[H] TXi Electronic Flight Instruments (EFIS) with Touchscreen GDU 700P PFD/MFD
- Garmin GTN 650 Touchscreen NAV/COM/GPS

Additional mission equipment includes the Fargo 21-gallon auxiliary fuel tank, Onboard Systems Talon LC Keeperless 3,600 pound Cargo Hook and Colorado Helicopters Side Hook Bracket, high visibility main rotor blades and wire strike protection.

"Helicopters utilizing a working platform to perform construction, maintenance, and inspection services, can complete work faster and more efficiently than a ground crew," said David G Hill, General Manager Aviation Services, Tennessee Valley Authority. "The ability to deliver linemen directly onto the structure allows the work to be completed without impacting the surrounding environment."

TVA's service area covers most of Tennessee, portions of Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky, and small slices of Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia.

TVA will take delivery of their new MD 530F in the fourth quarter this year.

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About MD Helicopters, Inc.

MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI), a Lynn Tilton company, is a leading manufacturer of commercial, military, law enforcement and air-rescue helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility and performance, and includes the twin-engine MD 902 Explorer, and single engine versions of the MD 600N, MD 520N, MD 500E, MD 530F and MD 530G. The innovative NOTAR® system for anti-torque control with no tail rotor – a key feature of the MD 902, MD 600N and MD 520N – is used exclusively by MD Helicopters to provide safer, quieter performance and confined-area access capability. For more information about MDHI, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#), or visit www.mdhelicopters.com.

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