



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2016

FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39773 TO NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP FOR PURCHASE OF FOUR CNG-FUELED SPECIALTY UTILITY TRUCKS

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) Construction and Maintenance Division (C&M) requests approval of Contract No. 39773 with National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California for the purchase and delivery of four (4) 2016 Ford Super Duty F-550 compressed natural gas (CNG) specialty utility trucks in the amount of \$499,070.44. Purchase of the new specialty utility trucks is part of the approved Fiscal Year 2015-16 C&M operations equipment budget and will provide operational efficiencies for Port Electrical Mechanic (PEM) high voltage operations. This contract is the financial responsibility of the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Find that in accordance with City of Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 10, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 10.15 (a)(8), the Harbor Department may enter into an agreement with National Auto Fleet Group utilizing a current agreement for such services with the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract No. 102811, a cooperative purchase agreement;
3. Approve Contract No. 39773 with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase and delivery of four CNG specialty utility trucks for an amount not-to-exceed \$499,070.44;
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 39773 for and on behalf of the Board; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. _____ .

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – C&M Port Electrical Mechanics (PEMs) are the only Harbor Department employees trained and authorized to perform work on high voltage systems and equipment, such as alternative maritime power (AMP) systems, container cranes, and automated terminal equipment. In addition, PEMs are responsible for switching vessels to and from high voltage shore power when at berth. Port high voltage infrastructure maintenance and repair work increased substantially with the installation of AMP infrastructure at all Port of Los Angeles container terminals. High voltage infrastructure continues to expand as terminals automate more of their operations. In addition, switching vessels to and from shore power will continue to increase over the coming years to meet new regulatory mandates for the shipping lines to increase the percentage of vessels connecting to shore power and thus reduce air pollution.

C&M continues to examine options to streamline high voltage work tasks to ensure that the growing volume of high voltage work can be completed in a timely manner, without substantially increasing PEM staffing levels. One such option is the creation of more efficient work tools, such as specialty utility trucks that can accommodate all tools, including cranes, welding equipment, and large storage areas for specialty tools and personal protective equipment, into a single truck. This would facilitate efficient completion of work tasks, as down-time related to returning to the C&M yard for tools or scheduling of equipment would be reduced or avoided.

The proposed purchase of four 2016 Ford Super Duty F-550 CNG specialized PEM utility trucks would allow C&M to evaluate the effectiveness of such trucks in maximizing timely completion of PEM tasks. Further, the four current PEM trucks that would be replaced by the proposed new specialty PEM utility trucks would be re-purposed for use by other C&M trades, including temporary hiring hall resources engaged to work on specific capital projects. This would serve to increase flexibility in those other C&M operations.

In keeping with the Port's Environmental Management Policy and C&M fleet policies, the proposed specialty PEM utility trucks would be CNG.

Contract Process – It is recommended that the Harbor Department join ("piggy back") the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract No. 102811. The Harbor Department's contract will incorporate City contracting requirements, such as the Minority, Women, and Other Business Enterprise provision and the Equal Benefits

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Ordinance. Due to the pricing afforded through joining the larger NJPA contract, it is in the Harbor Department's best interest to join the NJPA contract.

The City of Los Angeles Charter Article III, Section 371(e)(8) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 10, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 10.15 (a)(8) allows for "contracts for cooperative arrangement with other governmental agencies for the utilization of the purchasing contracts and professional, scientific, expert or technical services contracts for those agencies and any implementing agreements, even though the contracts and implementing agreements were not entered into through a competitive bid process."

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval of Contract No. 39773 with National Auto Fleet Group for the purchase and delivery of new specialty utility trucks. The Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Port high voltage infrastructure and related maintenance, repair and operations will continue to increase over time. Exploring and investigating methods and options to meet the growing demand of high voltage infrastructure and related maintenance, repair and operations is important to ensuring on-going efficient terminal operations.

Funding in the amount of \$499,070.04 is available for the proposed contract in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Operating budget, Center 0510, Construction and Maintenance, Program 000, Account 13150 (Equipment Acquisitions).

On-going maintenance and repair of the CNG specialty PEM utility trucks is estimated at \$5,000 each per year, totaling \$20,000 per year, for at least the first three years for the four new proposed trucks with increases in standard maintenance and repair costs at an estimated annual 3-6% range for the remainder of the vehicles' life. Maintenance and repair tasks would be completed utilizing existing C&M resources.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved Contract No. 39773 as to form and legality.

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TRANSMITTAL:

1. Contract No. 39773

FIS Approval: MB (Initials)

CA Approval: AB (Initials)


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