



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's

Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: APRIL 7, 2026

FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF BID NO. F-1256 TO GEMINI FOREST PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF DOUGLAS FIR LUMBER

SUMMARY:

Staff requests the approval of Bid No. F-1256 (Contract) with Gemini Forest Products (Gemini) of Los Alamitos, California, for the one-time purchase and delivery of Ammoniacal Copper Zinc Arsenate (ACZA) treated Douglas Fir lumber in the amount of \$173,467.10, including estimated sales and California lumber taxes. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will be financially responsible for the payment of costs incurred under the proposed Contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively and categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) and Article III Class 2(2) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Bid No. F-1256 with Gemini for the purchase of ACZA treated Douglas Fir lumber in the amount of \$173,467.10, inclusive of sales and California lumber taxes, and authorize said expenditures by the Executive Director or his/her designee;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Bid No. F-1256 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____ .

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – The Harbor Department's waterfront structures consist of both timber piles and lumber. Alongside timber fender piles, which are located at the face of the wharfs, lumber is utilized for wharf maintenance and to protect the wharves from contact with vessels. The ACZA Douglas Fir lumber, which is placed in the water alongside the timber fender piles, serves as a buffer between vessels and wharves, and provides additional protection for the wharves by absorbing ship impacts, spreading berthing loads across several fender pilings. Due to wear and natural degradation, the

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lumber will need to be replaced and installed to ensure the safety of marine facilities throughout the Harbor Department.

Untreated lumber, as opposed to treated lumber, is susceptible to damage from marine borers and organisms that can compromise the integrity of the lumber within just a few years. Wood treatments like ACZA protect lumber and significantly extend its life. ACZA treatment is the industry standard and is in conformance with the standard set in the United States of Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit that is required for work in the waters of the United States and under which the Harbor Department operates. Although ACZA lumber can release potentially harmful constituents such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) into harbor waters, this potential hazard is mitigated effectively by wrapping piles with plastic, which also complies with the USACE regulation. Additionally, wrapping serves to protect and lengthen the life of piling by adding an additional layer of protection from marine organisms.

Selection Process – C&M submitted a requisition for the purchase of ACZA Douglas Fir lumber in May 2025. The Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) released Request for Bids (RFB) No. F-1256 in October 2025. It was advertised on the Regional Alliance Market Place (RAMP) and the Port of Los Angeles website. Per statistics on RAMP, the bid was viewed by 11 unique companies and downloaded by 8 unique companies. Three bids were received but Gemini was the lowest and most responsive bidder in the amount of \$173,467.10. Gemini has provided dependable service on their previous contracts with the Harbor Department. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the award of Bid No. F-1256 to Gemini (Transmittal 1).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of a Contract with Gemini Forest Products to purchase and deliver ACZA wooden piles to replace old timber piles, which is an administrative activity involving the replacement of a commercial or industrial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose and capacity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively and categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) and Article III Class 2(2) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of Bid No. F-1256 to Gemini would authorize the purchase of ACZA treated Douglas Fir lumber for wharf maintenance in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$173,467.10, inclusive of estimated taxes. Fiscal Year 2025/26 funding in the amount of \$173,467.10 has been budgeted and is available within Account 551000 (Parts and Materials), Division 32010 (C&M Administration).

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved Bid No. F-1256 as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Bid No. F-1256

FIS Approval: JS
CA Approval: SO



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