



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

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: MARCH 24, 2026**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KLEIN MARINE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A KLEIN SIDE-SCAN SONAR WINCH SYSTEM**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of a Contract with Klein Marine Systems, Inc. (Klein), London, England, for a one-time purchase of a Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch System to replace an outdated, smaller winch unit. The contract with Klein is outlined in Formal Bid Request Number F-1263,1 (Transmittal 1). The Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch System enables the Port Police Dive Unit to deploy the Klein 5000 V2 Side-Scan Sonar from Los Angeles Port Police vessels. The Klein Side-Scan Sonar system, including the winch, is a vital component to many Port Police underwater missions. This investment directly improves mission efficiency and ensures the safety of both personnel and the vital maritime infrastructure they protect.

The total Contract amount is \$253,470.92 and includes a Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch, applicable sales tax, a one-year warranty, and delivery. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will be financially responsible for payment of expenses 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 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. Award and approve the Contract (Bid No. F-1263,1) with Klein Marine Systems, Inc. for the one-time purchase of a Klein Side Scan Sonar Winch System in the amount of \$253,470.92 including applicable taxes;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Contract for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – The Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch System enables the Port Police Dive Unit to deploy the Klein 5000 V2 Side-Scan Sonar from Los Angeles Port Police vessels. The Klein 5000 V2 Side-Scan Sonar is used by the Port Police Dive Unit to identify objects during various public safety dive operations such as vessel collisions, criminal investigations, potential submerged explosive devices, vessel hull searches, and critical infrastructure security checks. The sonar winch and its components are vital to the Port of Los Angeles' (Port) underwater technology program, agency interoperability, and many of our public safety and homeland security missions. The Harbor Department's relationship with the United States Navy could not be supported without the Dive Unit's knowledge, training, and experience using the side-scan sonar equipment.

The Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch System, which is dedicated to the Klein 5000 V2 Side-Scan Sonar, is permanently mounted on the dive boat's deck where it is used to store and deploy umbilical cable. This cable supplies power to the sonar's sensors and allows data transfer to a computer monitored by a trained operator. The information passed along the winch umbilical cable from the sonar provides the operator information about the sea bottom's depth, salinity, geographic terrain, potential hazards, and imagery of anomalies in the water. This information could not be viewed or shared without the use of a winch with the capacity to store and deploy umbilical cable.

The upgraded Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch System for the Klein 5000 V2 Side-Scan Sonar will enhance the operational capability of the Port's underwater program. This system will replace an outdated, smaller unit, providing new components with features such as improved software, Transceiver Processing Units (TPU), and increased umbilical length, allowing for deeper towing and more efficient, wide-area surveillance. The technology provides immediate, high-resolution imagery, enabling rapid detection of anomalies while limiting personnel exposure during high-risk operations. The upgrade will strengthen the Port Police's ability to locate and recover evidence, secure subsea assets, and support the Port's Reconstitution and Resiliency Plan. As new challenges arise and operational environments change, divers should be equipped with technology that enhances their performance, prompts safety, and the continued flow and protection of the Port's transportation supply chain and its infrastructure.

Selection Process – On October 20, 2025, Port Police submitted requisition REQ17069 to the Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) for the purchase of a Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch System.

As noted, the Klein Side-Scan Sonar Winch System will be dedicated to and integrated with the Klein 5000 V2 Side-Scan Sonar that is installed on the Port Police's dive boat deck. Klein is the sole source vendor for this equipment, which is the only winch system that is compatible with the existing Klein 5000 V2 Side-Scan Sonar system. Another vendor's system is incompatible and will ultimately cause operational errors and additional expenses. This contract is therefore exempt from the competitive process under Charter

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Section 371(e)(7) because it is a contract for equipment repairs or parts obtained from the manufacturer of the equipment or its exclusive agent. As a result, CPD proceeded with the bid opportunity as a sole source purchase.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of a contract with Klein Marine Systems, Inc. for a one-time purchase of a Klein Side Scan Sonar Winch System, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed one-time purchase order Contract authorizes the amount of \$253,470.92 (including tax and delivery) for the purchase of a Klein Side Scan Sonar Winch System.

Fiscal Year 2025/26 funds in the amount of \$253,470.92 have been budgeted within Account 161210 (Capital Equipment Purchase), Division 52010 (Port Police). The purchase includes a standard one-year warranty, which covers all service/repairs along with the manufacturer's warranty for individual components.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

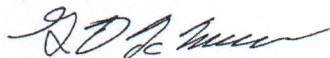
The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved Bid Number F-1263,1 as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Bid No. F-1263,1

FIS Approval: JS

CA Approval: SO



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