



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JULY 11, 2023

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39994 TO SAFE BOATS INTERNATIONAL, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO T-TOP CENTER CONSOLE BOATS

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39994 with SAFE Boats International, LLC, Bremerton, Washington for the purchase of two T-Top center console boats to replace vessels 2730100 and 2730800, currently in use for the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center's basic and advanced training courses.

The contract with SAFE Boats International, LLC is outlined in Formal Bid Request Number F-1152. The total contract amount is \$717,974.32 inclusive of applicable taxes. The contract includes the design, construction, and delivery of the 29'4" center console boats and installation of radio equipment for each vessel, two trailers and training on its operational characteristics. The Harbor Department will be financially responsible for the 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 Contract No. 39994 to SAFE Boats International, LLC for the purchase of the two T-Top center console vessels in the amount of \$717,974.32, including applicable taxes;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Contract No. 39994 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – In 2011, Port Police established the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC). MLETC is the nation’s first port-based maritime law enforcement training center and the only Peace Officer Standard of Training (POST) certified and federally recognized maritime law enforcement training center on the West Coast. Courses range from basic to advanced, and cover topics such as boat handling and vessel boarding, charting, navigation rules, arrest procedures, vessel identification, and investigative searches. Courses are available to all sworn Port Police, municipal, county, and state law enforcement personnel who require maritime skill sets to perform their duties. The MLETC staff operate equipment on the waters of the Port of Los Angeles and provide a layer of security and response for the Port complex.

The MLETC Vessel Estimated Replacement Schedule is as follows:

Quantity	Year	Size	Make	Est. Replacement
2	2011	28'	Metal Shark	FY 23/24
2	2011	30'	ZODIAC	FY 24/25
2	2011	28'	Metal Shark	FY 25/26
2	2011	28'	Metal Shark	FY 26/27
2	2011	28'	Metal Shark	FY 27/28

Replacement of MLETC training boats is at approximately 10 years of service depending on a variety of factors, including ongoing maintenance costs, hull and equipment condition, and continued mission suitability. Guidelines were established in consultation with the Construction & Maintenance (C&M) Division, who provides all maintenance and repair of the vessels. These determinations are based on experience in maintaining a fleet that is used heavily in a harsh operating environment.

The two SAFE Boat 29’4” center console vessels will replace the two 28’ Metal Shark training vessels that have reached the end of service life and are due for replacement. Both Metal Shark training vessels were purchased with a federal port security grant.

The new boats provide a training platform designed for basic and advanced maritime law enforcement courses. The SAFE Boats are open-cabin T-Top design vessels with four shock mitigation seating. This design is optimal for safe law enforcement instruction in various sea-state conditions.

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The MLETC boats are also utilized by the Port Police Maritime Tactical Team for port security training exercises, joint military operations, police operations, and for POLA special events such as Sail Grand Prix, Fleet Week, etc. These vessels are also used as backup patrol boats when needed.

These vessels will be the same hull and similar design as the ones used by the Long Beach Police and various local Sheriff Departments.

Selection Process – On September 28, 2022, Port Police submitted requisition Z-23-019 (ERP #82669) to the Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) for the purchase of two (2) T-Top center console vessels. Formal Bid No. F-1152 was advertised to bidders with a due date of February 2, 2023. On January 28, 2023, a bidder submitted questions regarding the compliance section of the bid. The bid due date was changed to February 14, 2023. CPD received two bids for the center console vessels and SAFE Boats International LLC was the lowest bidder.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of Contract No. 39994 with Safe Boats International, LCC and the Harbor Department to purchase two (2) T-Top center console boats to replace vessels, 2730100 and 2730800, 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 Contract authorizes the purchase of two T-Top center console vessels in the amount of \$717,974.32 inclusive of applicable taxes. Design, construction, delivery, installation, provisioning, extended warranty, technical documentation, and spare transmission and engine for each vessel are included in the cost of the vessels.

Funds in the amount of \$717,974.32 are available in the FY2023/24 Adopted Budget in Account 13150 (Equipment over \$5k Capitalized), Center 0412, Program 000.

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CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed Contract as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Contract No. 39994
2. Recap of Bid #F-1152

FIS Approval: MB
CA Approval: SO


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APPROVED:

 For
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Executive Director

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