



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

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2012

FROM: PORT POLICE DIVISION

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE TRAINING VESSELS TO SUPPORT THE REGIONAL MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of Contract Nos. 39625 and 39624 to Gravois Aluminum Boats LLC, DBA Metal Shark Aluminum Boats of Jeanerette, Louisiana, for the purchase of six vessels to train students at the Regional Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC). These vessels will be used to provide standardized training to public safety personnel engaged in waterborne law enforcement operations. The MLETC will offer State of California, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) approved coursework to public safety personnel who operate in a port or maritime environment.

The vessels are being purchased through the Federal government's General Services Administration (GSA) program at their guaranteed lowest price. The contract total for six vessels is \$1,401,475. Funds have been authorized in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, and the equipment will be fully reimbursed under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), Round 8 and State of California Proposition 1B. Vessel operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$15,000 per vessel or \$90,000 annually. As indicated in the Board of Harbor Commissioners' Information Memo of November 11, 2011 (Transmittal 1), the procurement of these vessels will allow the training facility to become fully operational, at which time vessel maintenance and other operating costs will be funded by student tuition to meet the Harbor Department's strategic goal of full cost recovery for the facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Award Contract No. 39624 for the purchase of one fully-equipped Relentless training vessels in the amount of \$233,579, including tax and delivery;
2. Award Contract No. 39625 for the purchase of five fully-equipped Relentless training vessels in the amount of \$1,167,896, including tax and delivery;

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE TRAINING VESSELS

3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Contracts for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

DISCUSSION:

Background – The newly established MLETC, in collaboration with Federal, State, and local agencies, provides waterborne law enforcement agencies with uniquely standardized coursework designed to provide law enforcement officers the specialized knowledge, skills, and abilities they need to safely and competently do their job in a maritime environment.

Training modules will be conducted in the maritime environment with practical course instruction in vessel handling, search and rescue, navigation, tactical boat maneuvering, night operations, and underway boardings. The training vessels will aid the MLETC in achieving its goal of providing a higher level of competency and protection to ports against the maritime threat. Port Police recently purchased four vessels that can accommodate 12 students. The purchase of these additional six vessels (10 boats total) will enable the MLETC to train the POST maximum class size of 24 students (eight boats required) while providing two additional vessels to ensure training is not compromised while boats are out of service for maintenance or repair.

Selection – In early 2009, personnel assigned to MLETC identified the type of vessel best suited for the MLETC program. It was determined that training vessels require a different operating platform than patrol vessels. A center console design with maximum deck space is optimal in a training environment to allow the instructor to have immediate access to the controls, and allow the trainees better visibility while learning to operate a vessel. The current patrol vessel's full cabin design is useful for 24-hour operations providing shelter in all weather conditions. However, in a training environment, with a minimum of four officers onboard, a full cabin design does not allow for maximum maneuverability and visibility.

After extensive research and numerous sea trials, selection criteria were narrowed to aluminum hull vessels which are more durable than fiberglass and are less expensive to maintain. SAFE Boats International (27' T-Top, 27-10) and Metal Shark Aluminum Boats (28' Relentless Package) were identified as the vessels best meeting this criterion. Upon further examination, it was determined that the 28' Relentless model, manufactured by Metal Shark Aluminum Boats was found to be lighter, faster and less expensive. This vessel model also has a unique crew seat configuration that allows for maximum flexibility of available deck space which optimizes the training environment.

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE TRAINING VESSELS

In June 2011, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the purchase of four Metal Shark training vessels for the MLETC. The bid for these vessels was placed in accordance with Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0362T, as permitted by City of Los Angeles Charter Section 371(e)(8). Gravois Aluminum Boats participates in this program and this equipment was offered to the Harbor Department at the Federal government's guaranteed lowest price. The vendor has extended the additional quantities terms of that agreement to allow the Port Police to purchase additional vessels under the same pricing, terms and conditions, and will build six more vessels based on specifications contained in Formal Bid Request Nos. F-801 and F-780, respectively (one for 1 vessel fully funded by State of California Proposition 1B and 5 vessels using both State of California Proposition 1B and DHS PSGP). In addition to the manufacturer's warranty, the vessels are being purchased with Honda engines to be maintained by the Harbor Department's Construction and Maintenance Division. All standard law enforcement equipment will be installed by the vendor.

The procurement of this second group of vessels is being accelerated in an effort to make the training facility fully operational and begin FLETC and State of California POST certified classes for outside agencies. This acceleration has been made possible due to the availability of approximately two million dollars in additional grant funding that became available as the result of the identification of an internet-based solution to the Emergency Notification System grant project that originally required a significant hardware investment. This internet-based solution freed up the funding that will be used to accelerate what is identified in the Board Information Memo as Phase 2 of the Training Center Development. This phase includes procurement of the training vessels and completion of a second classroom.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is approval to award two contracts to Gravois Aluminum Boats LLC, DBA Metal Shark Aluminum Boats for the purchase of six vessels for use in training students at the Regional MLETC. As an administrative activity, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article II, Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

This Board action will have no employment impact in the five-county region.

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2012

PAGE 4 OF 5

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE TRAINING VESSELS

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed contract to purchase six police training vessels would require the Harbor Department to commit \$1,401,475 towards the payment of these vessels. The proposed purchase is budgeted as a capital expenditure in the FY 2011/12 CIP budget in the amount of \$1,401,475, and is eligible for full reimbursement through the State of California Proposition 1B (Prop 1B), Fiscal Year 2008 California Port and Maritime Security Grant Program in the approximate amount of \$525,475 set to expire in June 2012 and DHS PSGP Round 8, in the approximate amount of \$876,000 set to expire in July 2012; however, staff intends to submit a grant extension for one additional year to ensure full reimbursement. Vessel operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$90,000 annually for the six vessels proposed to be acquired herein and when coupled with the four vessels previously Board-approved brings the total estimated operating and maintenance costs for all ten vessels to \$150,000 annually. FY 2011/2012 funds in the amount of \$1,401,475, including tax and delivery are available in Capital Account 59994, Center 1179, Program 641, Job Facility 636-00, and Work Orders 25134 and 25135.

This proposed action would obligate \$1,401,475 or approximately 26% of the unobligated (not yet committed) amount outstanding of \$5.3 million related to Fiscal Year 2008 Prop 1B and PSGP Round 8 project funds. In contrast to the entire Harbor Department Grants Portfolio of approximately \$381 million as of November 2011, this grant obligation would decrease the portfolio's unobligated funds of approximately \$61 million by 2.3% from 16% to 13.7%. If the proposed action is not approved, the Harbor Department would potentially be required to de-obligate (return unused funds back to the grantor) grant funds.

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2012

PAGE 5 OF 5

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE TRAINING VESSELS


CITY ATTORNEY:

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

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Board of Harbor Commissioners' Information Memo dated November 11, 2011
2. Formal Bid and Recap F-801, Contract No. 39624
3. Formal Bid and Recap F-780, Contract No. 39625

FIS Approval: EDJ (initials)
CA Approval: CAB (initials)



RONALD J. BOYD
Chief of Port Police



JOHN M. HOLMES
Deputy Executive Director

APPROVED:



GERALDINE KNATZ, Ph.D.
Executive Director

RJB:PS:jad
Author: R. Grant