



**THE PORT  
OF LOS ANGELES**

Executive Director's  
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: APRIL 21, 2026**

**FROM: CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - APPROVAL OF PURCHASE  
ORDER CHANGE NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 540 WITH JOHNSON  
CONTROLS US HOLDINGS INC. DBA JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE  
PROTECTION LP**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of Purchase Order Change No. 1 to Agreement No. 540 (Contract) with Johnson Controls US Holdings Inc. dba Johnson Controls Fire - Protection LP (JCFP) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin for fire alarm and fire suppression system maintenance. The Contract went into effect on June 1, 2024, for a one-year term, with two one-year renewal options for the maximum expenditure authority of \$5,600,000 annually, or \$16,800,000 if all renewal options are exercised. If the proposed change is approved, the maximum expenditure authority for the first renewal contract period will increase by \$700,000, from \$5,600,000 currently to \$6,300,000, as proposed. This will increase the total current three-year contract authority of \$16,800,000 to \$17,500,000. The requested increase is necessary to complete current and planned capital and maintenance projects due to unforeseen repairs that occurred in the first renewal period. The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) will continue to be financially responsible for the payment of expenses incurred under the 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 1(4) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Purchase Order Change No. 1 to Agreement No. 540 with JCFP to increase the annual expenditure authority from \$5,600,000 to \$6,300,000 for the current contract period, which is in its first renewal option;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to Purchase Order Change No. 1 for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – The Harbor Department executes annual procurement contracts to purchase required materials, supplies, and services to support Harbor Department operations and projects. The Construction and Maintenance Division (C&M) currently utilizes more than 100 annual procurement contracts to provide safe, reliable, efficient, and quality services to its customers. Through these annual procurement contracts, a wide range of vendors provide materials and services that allow C&M to efficiently maintain the Harbor Department's infrastructure. Most of these annual procurement contracts are less than \$150,000 per year and are typically sufficient for C&M to perform both planned and responsive maintenance responsibilities.

In the course of normal operations, C&M requests increases to spending authority levels on annual procurement contracts only as needed to complete maintenance and capital improvement projects. These requests may be necessary due to extra work needed on a capital project or simply as a result of changing needs in C&M operations (e.g., a terminal needs more electrical replacement parts than usual after normal preventative maintenance is performed).

Contract Requiring Increased Funding – The Contract (Transmittal 1) with JCFP is a cooperative purchasing ("piggyback") agreement based on Sourcwell Contract #030421-JHN. On June 1, 2024, the Board approved the Contract for a one-year period with two one-year renewal options for \$5,600,000 annually, or for the total compensation of \$16,800,000 over the three years. The contract provides for the maintenance, repair, and upgrade of fire-life safety equipment requiring specialized training and certification. This includes a State of California C-16 Fire Protection license, National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) certification, and certification from the manufacturer for installation. The work performed involves fully certified, local union technicians performing the repair, maintenance, inspection, testing, programming, and upgrades required for the Harbor Department's systems. They also complete upgrades of existing fire-life safety systems. The tasks that JCFP performs under this Contract include the Los Angeles Fire Department-mandated Regulation No. 4 testing of smoke detectors, pull stations, sprinkler heads, and notification devices. Most fire-life safety systems require annual testing and repair, with exceptions for quarterly sprinkler inspections to comply with insurance liability provisions, and semi-annual testing of halon fire extinguishers and air/gas systems to comply with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) guidelines and City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) codes. In addition, JCFP assists C&M in the upgrade of fire-life safety networking systems at various locations throughout the Port of Los Angeles (Port) including the Port Pilot Station, Maritime Museum, Berth 91-93 World Cruise Center, Port Police Canine Training Site, Vopak terminal, Fenix Marine Services terminal, APM terminal, Yusen terminal,

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Everport terminal and other locations requiring compliance with Los Angeles Fire Department Regulation No. 4 requirements and Port fire-life safety responsibilities.

Since the execution of the first renewal of the Contract on June 1, 2025, there have been many unforeseen repairs in need of fire alarm and fire suppression system maintenance in order to upkeep current project schedules and operations. Emergency underground fire hydrant repairs in Berths 302-305 were unprecedented. Cabrillo Marina's obsolete wireless fire alarm system and corroded underwater fire hose had to be replaced to ensure compliance with efficient fire response. Additionally, the main fire line in Berths 179-181 had to be replaced, which resulted in a diversion of \$1,600,000 of the \$5,600,000 yearly budget to that project. These projects have resulted in unforeseen repairs and material escalation, which require an increase in the Contract amount.

The current contract with JCFP is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2026, with one additional renewal period remaining. As of April 7, 2026, expenditures approved for payment under this current renewal period are \$4,603,216.71. It is anticipated that during the current renewal period, an additional \$700,000 will be needed to supplement the expenditure authority of \$5,600,000 for a total expenditure authority of \$6,300,000. The \$700,000 will be utilized to complete invoiced projects such as the Berth 300 Fenix Fire Alarm Fiber Network Replacement and the 936, 938, 1410 Barracuda Street Fire Sprinkler Head and Standpipe Replacement, in addition to the contingency for unforeseen critical infrastructure repairs. These projects will ensure compliance with all regulatory LADBS standards, therefore, staff is requesting approval of Purchase Order Change No.1 (Transmittal 2) to the Contract. If approved, the authorized expenditure level on the Contract will not exceed the budget levels authorized in the C&M operating budget.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of Purchase Order Change No. 1 to the Contract with JCFP for fire alarm and fire suppression maintenance, which is an administrative activity involving the restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged mechanical equipment and systems to meet current standards of public health, safety, and environmental protection. 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 1(4) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of Purchase Order Change No. 1 to Agreement No. 540 would increase the authorized expenditure authority from \$5,600,000 to \$6,300,000 for the current contract period for fire alarm and fire suppression system maintenance. Fiscal Year 2025/26 funding in the amount of \$6,300,000 has been budgeted as follows: \$2,872,696 within Account 541000 (Buildings Maintenance Service), Division 32110 (Plumbing); and \$3,427,304 within Account 161305 (Construction-in-Progress), Division 00000 (Harbor Global).

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Account 541000</b>	<b>Account 161305</b>	<b>Proposed Annual Authority</b>
2025/26	\$2,872,696	\$3,427,304	<b>\$6,300,000</b>

If approved, no additional costs are scheduled to be incurred beyond the approved Fiscal Year 2025/26 budget amounts. Future fiscal year budget appropriations will be sought to cover anticipated expenditures for fire alarm and fire suppression system maintenance through the regular annual budget process.

If the purchase order change is not approved, there will be no fiscal impact as project funding is already authorized for these expenditures. However, the lack of approval will delay the ability of C&M to complete project work anticipated in the current and future fiscal years.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved Purchase Order Change No. 1 with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP as to form and legality.

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TRANSMITTAL:

1. Agreement No. 540
2. Purchase Order Change No. 1

FIS Approval: JS

CA Approval: SO



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