



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

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: MAY 19, 2011**

**FROM: PORT POLICE DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 39582  
FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE PATROL VESSELS TO PROVIDE  
WATERBORNE RESPONSE CAPABILITIES**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of Contract No. 39582 to SAFE Boats International of Port Orchard, Washington, for the purchase of two Port Police patrol vessels as replacements for existing vessels which are 16 and 22 years old, and will be salvaged. These vessels are the primary platform maritime police officers at the port use to conduct waterborne safety and security operations. The acquisition of SAFE Boats continues an effort to standardize of our patrol vessel platform which allows for increased efficiency and reduction in maintenance time and costs.

The vessels are being purchased through the Federal General Services Administration (GSA) program at the Federal government's guaranteed lowest price. Funds have been authorized in the Port Police Capital Budget, and the equipment is eligible for reimbursement under Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), Round 8 and State of California Proposition 1B. The cost of each vessel is \$278,355, for a total of \$556,710 for both vessels; Port reimbursement for the vessels is \$456,935 with the remainder being funded by Port funds. By purchasing these standardized vessels to replace older non-standardized platforms, data from the Construction and Maintenance Division indicates a maintenance savings of \$26,000 per vessel annually for the first five years, decreasing to \$7,500 per vessel each year thereafter, for a total ten year maintenance savings of \$335,000.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Award Contract No. 39582 for the purchase of two SAFE Boat Defenders in the amount of \$556,710, including tax and delivery;
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the Contract for and on behalf of the Board; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Background - Port Police currently deploy SAFE Boat as the primary platform used by Port Police Officers within its maritime patrol fleet. Purchasing the same make and model vessels brings consistency and is imperative in the standardization, uniformity of appearance, officer safety, service and maintenance costs. The full cabin design provides inclement weather protection which allows for year-round operation. Police patrol vessels are deployed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year which accelerates both the maintenance cycle and the wear and tear on each vessel. The acquisition of SAFE Boats accelerates the standardization of our patrol vessel platform which allows for maximum maintenance efficiency.

These replacement vessels will extend our ability to continue providing patrol and response capabilities to the marinas, critical infrastructure sites, cruise terminal passenger docks, vessel escorts of cruise ships (protecting approximately one million cruise passengers annually) and other high interest vessels. Finally, SAFE Boats are a common platform shared with the United States Coast Guard thus allowing for interoperability between the two organizations both during training and emergency operations.

Selection - The Los Angeles Port Police submitted Requisition No. Z-11-105, to the Contracts and Purchasing Division (CPD) on January 20, 2011, for the purchase of two, 25 foot, full cabin SAFE Boat Defenders. These vessels will replace the two eldest vessels in the patrol vessel fleet which have been in service for 16 and 22 years, respectively, in accordance with the Harbor Department's vessel replacement policy.

The bid for this equipment was placed in accordance with Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0038H, as permitted by City of Los Angeles Charter Section 371(e)(8). SAFE Boats participates in this program and the equipment is offered to the Harbor Department at the Federal government's guaranteed lowest price. The vendor will build the vessel based on specifications contained in Formal Bid Request No. F-739, and provide operational training for Port Police staff upon delivery. In addition to the Manufacturer's warranty, the vessel is being purchased with a standard motor platform to be maintained by the Harbor Department's Construction and Maintenance Division. All standard law enforcement equipment will be installed by the vendor.

These vessels are authorized for purchase as a capital expenditure in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12 Port Police Budget, and are eligible for reimbursement under TSA, PSGP, Round 8 and State of California Proposition 1B. An approved Affirmative Action Plan for the vendor is on file with CPD, and a copy of the approved contract will be forwarded to Contract Compliance for monitoring.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is the approval of a contract for the purchase of two SAFE Boat Defenders to replace existing patrol vessels that are not capable of accommodating maritime patrol operations. The two SAFE Boat Defenders are powered by Honda gasoline four-stroke engines. Gasoline marine engines are not subject to the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP). Bid specifications for alternative fuel vessels are not feasible due to the operations of the vessels which involve emergency response. As an administrative action, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under 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.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the proposed contract to purchase two police patrol vessels would require the Harbor Department to commit \$556,710 towards the payment of these vessels. These vessels have been budgeted, upon Board approval, for purchase as a capital expenditure in the FY 2011/12 Port Police Budget and are eligible for reimbursement up to \$456,935 under TSA, PSGP, Round 8 and State of California Proposition 1B. Vessel operation and maintenance costs are estimated to decrease \$26,000 annually per patrol vessel for the first five years and \$7,500 each year thereafter. FY 2011/12 funds in the amount of \$556,710 are available in Capital Account 13240, Center 0412, Program 640.

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legality.

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**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. Formal Bid F-739, Contract 39582
2. Bid Recap
3. Photo of a SAFE Boat Defender

FIS Approval: ef (initials)  
CA Approval: me (initials)



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