



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

Board of Harbor Commissioners

**DATE: MAY 5 , 2026**

**FROM: PORT POLICE**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 25-10093 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY T-BAND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SUMMARY:**

Staff requests approval of a First Amendment (Amendment) to Agreement No. 25-10093 (Agreement) between the City of Los Angeles (City) Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Motorola), for the upgrade of the Harbor Department's existing Ultra High Frequency Television Band (UHF T-Band) infrastructure. The proposed Amendment will facilitate seamless radio communications interoperability between the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles World Airports Police (LAWA), and the Los Angeles Port Police (LAPP) Division, through an Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI) provided by Motorola.

ISSI allows agencies to roam outside of their Area of Responsibilities (AOR's) without losing communication with respective Dispatch centers. ISSI automatically assigns available channels for use between agencies as first responders often roam outside AOR's for emergency response and mutual aid.

Approval of the proposed action will authorize additional scope of work necessary to complete the radio communications interoperability through ISSI and added channels. Also, it will add \$693,780 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$2,465,944. All other terms of the Agreement will remain unchanged. The project completion date will be extended by 18 months, but this will not impact the Agreement's original expiration date. A portion of the additional funds will be reimbursable through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) in the amount of \$333,333. The Harbor Department will continue to be financially responsible for payment of costs incurred under the Agreement.

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**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. Find that in accordance with the Los Angeles City Charter Section 1022, the services to be provided herein cannot be performed by Harbor Department personnel or other current City job classifications;
3. Find that in accordance with the Los Angeles City Charter Section 1022 and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10) the proprietary nature of the technology limits the availability of specialized expertise to only the proposed vendor;
4. Approve the proposed First Amendment to Agreement No. 25-10093 between the Harbor Department and Motorola;
5. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest said Amendment for and on behalf of the Board; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION:**

Background/Context – At its meeting on March 27, 2025, the Board adopted Agreement No. 25-10093. This Agreement provided for the enhancement of the Harbor Department’s existing 700 MHz public safety land mobile radio system (LMR) by reintegrating existing, unused UHF T-Band and voice radio frequencies licensed to the Harbor Department. Adding the legacy UHF frequencies to the existing system will facilitate enhanced interoperability with our City Family (LAPD, LAFD, LAWA and other South Bay Agencies) for the 700 MHz LMR system, promote improved port security, and enhance public and officer safety for the Harbor Department and specifically the LAPP. The interoperability between City police agencies was the prime impetus for the Mayor’s Office obtaining UASI grants which have provided partial funding for the original project as well as a portion of the proposed First Amendment.

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The Harbor Department has made a substantial investment (offset by Federal grant reimbursements distributed through the Mayor's Office), in replacing the public safety LMR system used in the Port of Los Angeles. The initiative to add ISSI is the final phase to connect LAPP, LAPD, and the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LARICS) at Mt. Lee, expending the three remaining FCC licenses, to provide a communications network that will allow for seamless roaming between agencies AOR's without losing vital communications during emergency mutual aid responses outside our respective AOR's.

This initiative will maintain the three UHF T-Band frequencies for necessary communications with the LAPD, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), through the LARICS, who have all maintained their UHF T-Band frequencies (LAPD and LAFD still use them as their primary UHF LMR system). All of these agencies provide support to the LAPP for mutual aid, unusual occurrences, tactical situations and training exercises. These tasks all require LMR system communications capabilities in the UHF spectrum. There is also a potential to share these reintegrated frequencies with others, as authorized, including availability for use by Harbor Department tenants.

Selection Process – The Agreement was awarded as an Eligible Purchaser Order pursuant to City of Los Angeles Contract No. C-123897, the master services agreement between the City and Motorola. C-123897 is administered by LAPD. The terms of Contract No. C-123897 allow for "Eligible Purchasers" to utilize the agreement. Section 2.4 of Contract No. C-123897 defines Eligible Purchaser as a department within the City of Los Angeles other than LAPD. The Harbor Department meets this definition.

Per the Human Resources Division, neither a new Contract Review Report or union notification was required due, in part, to the proprietary nature of the software/equipment. Additionally, it was determined that City employees do not have the expertise to complete the proposed expanded scope of work. This project has a limited duration and contains technology proprietary to Motorola; therefore, it is not feasible for any entity other than Motorola to perform the requested work.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

The proposed action is approval of an Amendment to the Agreement with Motorola to complete the radio communications interoperability through ISSI and added channels. 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 First Amendment to the Agreement would result in an increase to authorized expenditures in the amount of \$693,780 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,465,944. Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26 funding in the amount of \$52,362 is available within Account 161305 (Construction-in-Progress), Division 00000 (Harbor Global), Project 2581000 (Port Police - Land Mobile Radio System Enhancement).

Spending is anticipated to occur as follows:

<b>Account/WO</b>	<b>Previous Years</b>	<b>FY 25/26</b>	<b>FY 26/27</b>	<b>FY 27/28</b>	<b>Total</b>
161305/ 2581000	\$420,002	\$52,362	\$981,223	\$1,012,357	\$2,465,944

A funding out clause, also known as a termination of agreement for non-appropriation of funds clause, has been included in the Agreement. Funding for future years will be requested as part of the annual budget process.

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**CITY ATTORNEY:**

The Office of the City Attorney has approved the subject First Amendment as to form and legality.

**TRANSMITTALS:**

1. First Amendment to Agreement No. 25-10093
2. Sole Source Justification

FIS Approval: 95  
CA Approval: 50

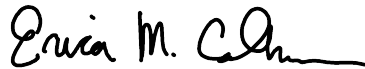


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